

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Will and Judy Stocks



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Many of us have been curious about the Kansas State flag hanging outside 4 Whitwell. The Village Voice brings you the story!

The Powercat flag is in recognition of the football career of Will Stocks, who attended Kansas State University on a full scholarship. Judie and Will have been sweethearts since the eighth grade, having both been born and raised in Newton, Kansas. They cherish the memories of Will's days on the gridiron, playing tight end.

Will needed another

year to graduate when Judie finished nurse's training and they were married. They honeymooned in Colorado; Will returned to school while Judie worked at the hospital. Upon his graduation, they made their first home in Manhattan, Kansas, where Will worked as a Controller for Pillsbury. His job moved them from there to Iowa, California, back to Kansas, Minnesota and Enid, Oklahoma, where he retired. He then worked a few years as a Controller for a small oil company in Enid.

Judie studied Nurs-

ing Home Administration and ran a nursing home for four years. The couple went to K-State football reunions and games for many years. Judie attended nursing class reunions, also.

The Stocks have three children and one granddaughter. Cindy lives in Denison, Texas, while her daughter lives in Tampa, Florida. David lives in New York City, and Bryan lives in Oklahoma City.

They enjoyed a multitude of leisure activities. They were Dance Champions,

competing in several groups. They have been active in the Disciples of Christ, where Will sang bass in the choir. They also have been avid bridge players. Traveling extensively has been fun; Alaska is their favorite travel memory.

Will and Judie have lived at Bradford for 3 1/2 years. They are hoping to soon participate more in the activities at Bradford, following Will's recovery from last year's stroke.

We are glad Will and Judie are part of the Bradford Family!



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At the Healthcare Center



Bettye Jones, who resides in room 806 in the Healthcare Center, is a joy to know. Her zest for living is contagious, and she has written beautiful poetry. She says: "God wrote it, I just put it to paper!"

Bettye was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, the oldest of four children. She married after graduating from Sand Springs; sadly, her husband died at 45 years old, leaving her with four children. One died a few years ago, but her other son and two daughters keep in close touch with her. Donna, her older daughter, lives in Edmond. The other children are Marvin and Dorothy, who live in Texas. Bettye has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bettye has enjoyed working in many jobs. She worked at the Baptist Mission Center (Stockyards) for several years, living on the premises. She worked with summer missionaries as well as her other duties, which included managing the twice-weekly medical clinic. She later worked at the Regional Food Bank, keeping track of the disbursements for charity.

Being a caseworker for Catholic Charities was an interesting position during the Vietnamese refugee relocation era. She was responsible for matching refugees with sponsors and helping with job-searches. Giving ESL lessons and establishing schools in churches were projects she lists as accomplishments. Bettye enjoyed the variety of these jobs and was blessed by the good salaries they offered.

Health issues made it necessary for her to move into the Healthcare Center about two years ago. She has blessed many with her joyful attitude and energy. Her fun spirit shone through in her part as Adelaide in the recent production of *Broadway Hits: A Year in Revue*.

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It puzzles me, Lord, but thou wilt explain,
Why rainbows are blessings, but so is the rain;
Teach us to hear through sorrow and pain;
So precious your promises, again and again.

Our tears produce rainbows into us being,
Teaching us Faith in our Father, Our King;
So we open our hearts and unto Him sing,
Our praises forever and ever to ring.

We raise our hearts, O hear our voice,
For it's unto you we now rejoice;
We come to make a cheerful noise
For we are chosen, we're God choice.

Often, we're puzzled, but we receive your grace;
We look ahead and run the race.
Yes, we're family, we're inter-laced,
As we seek to see our Master's face.

A Moment With Him

We mutter and sputter
we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and grumble
our feelings are hurt.
We can't understand things
our vision grows dim
When all that we need is
a moment with Him.

~ Poems by Bettye Jones



More than just a Year in Revue

As we are all aware, we put on the *Broadway Hits: A Year in Revue* this month, but to me it is more than just a celebration of the musicals we enjoyed last year. In my more than two decades working in this industry, I have never witnessed a group of people as determined and dedicated to such an undertaking as large as this production was as our Resident Programs team and group of residents. In fact, I have never had a team of people who had the courage to even attempt to put on a show of this size and magnitude. This speaks volumes to the love and passion Caitlin, Kim, Whitney, and Kennedy have for our resident population and their desire to create something as memorable as this show. I stood back in awe most of last year watching as they wrote the show, arranged auditions, scheduled rehearsals, created the backdrops and the costumes and I'm sure more tasks that we will never know. This team has spent countless hours at work and outside of work preparing all that was needed to pull this event off. I have never seen a team so dedicated and am in awe of their continued enthusiasm day in and day out.

Then there are the residents. Wow. Again, I have never seen a group of residents so willing, eager, and dedicated to putting on an event like this. We aren't talking about a bake sale. We are talking about a real commitment it took from each of them otherwise this show would not have happened. And the beauty of it all is that it was just not our independent residents who were willing to commit to the time needed for this, it was assisted living and long term care residents who gave up so much of their time to ensure this show was a success. It was a collaboration of the entire community.....which, to me, is the definition of "community."

I cannot express my appreciation to all for the tremendous hard work and dedication put in to making the show a success. I am in awe of each of you and this is a great reminder of why I am honored and proud to be a part of the Bradford Village family.

~ Eric Legleiter
Executive Director

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The new chapel services at Assisted Living at 4 PM each Sunday afternoon are going well with good attendance. The morning chapel services at the Healthcare Center at 10:15 AM each Sunday are also well attended. Come join us at any time.

Encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thess. 5:11

~ Jim Davidson, Chaplain

Around the Village

News and Reminders:

2017 Annual Interest Survey Results

In January, 38 residents* completed the 2017 Annual Interest Surveys. The results are in, and these are the top results from the survey:

- **Outings to museums, parks, and festivals**
 - We discussed ideas about traveling to Chickasaw, the Muskogee Azalea Festival, and other outing ideas. Make sure to sign for the trip to Pawhuska on February 23 to visit The Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond's Mercantile.
- **Overnight trip**
 - Participants indicated an interest in traveling to Branson or taking the train to Dallas. The Res. Programs department will be researching information on cost.
- **History/Historical Presentation**
 - Residents responded they would like to see history programs. On February 9th, Dorothy Skinner will present a piece on Mary Todd Lincoln. Also, check out The Great Courses classes on Mondays at 10:30am.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Resident indicated an interest in volunteering at Bradford Village and in the community. On February 28, help the Healthcare Center with their Mardi Gras parade. Check out the back page for information on participating in an Intergenerational Program with UCO and First Christian Church.

*If you have not yet completed your survey, we encourage you to submit one!



Friends of the
Metropolitan Library System

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System Annual Book Sale is coming up!

Bradford Village will not be providing group transportation, but I wanted to remind everyone of the opportunity if anyone wants to attend!

Friday, February 24th, 2017

Members ONLY Pre-sale Event - 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

Open to the General Public - FREE! - 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 26th, 2017

Open to the General Public - FREE! - 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Quarterly Cottager's Business and Information Meeting

Monday, February 13th

12:00 pm

Community Center Dining Room

*Join us to receive updates from around the campus and from the
Executive Committee.*

Upcoming Events:



Love you a Brunch!

Saturday, February 11

10am—12pm

Community Center Dining Room

Waffle bar * Steak and Eggs * Strawberry Bellini's
(Only \$7 / meal)

Celebrations



Tuesday, February 14th * 5:00pm

Community Center Dining Room

Soup de jour * Cranberry Glazed Pork Roast * Green Beans Almondine
* Scalloped Potatoes * Strawberry Shortcake

Because of the addition of the Brunch on February 11, the birthday party
will be moved from Friday, February 10 to Monday, February 20.



Welcome!

We welcomed Bill and Jane Williams to 305 Spence Ct at the end of January. We are glad to have them as part of our Bradford Village family, and we will run an introduction article in the March edition of The Village Voice! Welcome, Bill and Jane!

Resident Programs Team Welcomes New Members

The Resident Programs team is excited to announce changes to the department.

Many of you know that Kim Early, Resident Programs Coordinator at the Healthcare Center, has left the Resident Programs team to join the Social Services department at Bradford Village. While we will miss Kim's presence in activities, we are excited for her for this opportunity to expand her career and lend her talents to Social Services.

The Resident Programs Coordinator position at the HCC will be filled by Carolyn Spears, who comes from a former Brookdale community in Bethany. We are glad to welcome Carolyn to the team!

We have also added a new position at the Independent Living. Hannah Miller will serve as the Resident Programs Coordinator at the IL. Hannah previously worked for the YMCA as a Health and Wellness Coordinator. Her office will be located in the Activity Center. Welcome, Hannah!

Caitlin Cairns will continue to grow her position as the Director of Resident Programs. Her office will still be located in the Community Center. With Hannah assuming the Coordinator duties, Caitlin will offer greater support to all three activity areas, and expand her efforts to develop campus-wide programs, volunteer opportunities, and engagement with the larger Edmond community.

Kennedy Peters and Whitney Clark will remain in their positions as Resident Programs Coordinators at the HCC and AL, respectively.

Opportunity for Intergenerational Engagement with UCO, First Christian Church, and YOU!

UCO is recruiting volunteers to participate in an Intergenerational Program with the 4-5 year old class at First Christian Church, located at 2nd and Boulevard in Edmond.

The group will meet every other Tuesday for the spring semester:
February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18
10am-11am

You do not need to be available for all dates to participate.

The group will include a warm-up, activity stations, and group closing consisting of parachute play, dance, or other movement activities. Participants will be asked to voluntarily complete an anonymous survey. If you are willing to participate in the survey, please plan to arrive at 9:30am. Sign up with Caitlin if you'd like to join; Bradford Village will provide transportation if needed.



