

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Welcome, Bill & Jane Williams!



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Jane and Bill Williams are recent additions to the Bradford Village family. They came to our community because of the number of friends here. In fact, Bill and Wight Jones are even first cousins!

Jane grew up in Mountain Park, OK and graduated from nearby Snyder High School. Bill was raised in Dodge City, KS. Both graduated from Oklahoma A&M (now known, of course, as Oklahoma State University). Most of Bill's family attended Oklahoma

A&M, and most of their grandchildren have chosen Oklahoma State.

While in college, Jane, a Pi Phi sorority pledge, and Bill, a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge, were required to attend

the same Dance Hour. They met there, and the rest is happy history. They married in 1954 and have been married for 62 years!

Bill served in the Marines from 1949-1952, during the Korean conflict. He then chose to remain in the Marine Reserve Corp until 1991. Jane taught in various places as they moved around in Bill's job with Traveler's Insurance for 25 years. Traveler's were respectful of Bill's commitment to the Marines, and made time for Bill to serve in the Reserves during his

years as a manager for Traveler's.

They have two daughters, Sunny and Erin. Both live in Dallas, TX. Bill and Jane have four grandchildren. A granddaughter graduated from Johns Hopkins and aspires to be a published writer. The other three currently attend OSU; one is in his 4th year, and twin girls are sophomores.

Antique cars have been a life-long love of Bill's. He collected 1916-1934 models; at one time he owned four at a time. He and Jane enjoyed driving them in the Edmond 4th of July parade.

Extensive traveling has been a joy to the lively couple. They have been to Wales, England, France, and most of the United States. They enjoyed owning a

cabin in Cuchara, Colorado, but sold it two years ago.

Bebe, a cute little Schnauzer, also made the move to Bradford Village with the Williams.

We are so glad to welcome Bill and Jane (and Bebe) to Bradford Village!



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Around the Village

Jeanie Maynard



Born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland, Jeanie Maynard's life has spanned two continents and different cultures. Jeanie's childhood was a struggle; she was six years old when her mother died, leaving her and five siblings dependent on her granny; her overwhelmed father moved away, and Jeanie did not see her father again for eight years.

Granny was very strict with the children, but the children often fended for themselves as their grandmother struggled with alcohol abuse. As a result, one brother joined the merchant marines and another chose to move in with his father and step-mother. As the oldest remaining girl, Jeanie became the "little mom" and protector of the younger children. When Jeanie was twelve, the opportunity to live with a good friend (who was being raised by *her* grandmother) arose, and the friend's grandmother became Jeanie's guardian. The grandparents died, and Jeanie and her friend were taken in by a downstairs neighbor. To pay her part of the rent, Jeanie went to work in a whiskey distillery, working there for five years. To this day, Jeanie still doesn't like the smell of whiskey!

At age twenty-one, upon the death of her landlord, she and a friend decided to come to America. The two girls found the way to get to America was to answer an advertisement for a nanny service. In return for passage to America, each girl agreed to work for their employer at least one year. Jeanie went to Baltimore, Maryland, while her friend settled in New Jersey.

Jeanie had worked in Baltimore for a few years when she was invited on a blind date with a Navy man. Glen Maynard and Jeanie courted for only three months, whereupon they married. Jeanie came to Yukon, Oklahoma, to live with Glen's parents until he could be discharged from the Navy. In 1964, they settled into a home in Yukon, and Glen began working at General Electric in Oklahoma City. Jeanie was a stay-at-home mother to their children, Angela and John.

Angela remains in Yukon and has two sons. John lives and teaches school in Edmond and has eight children.

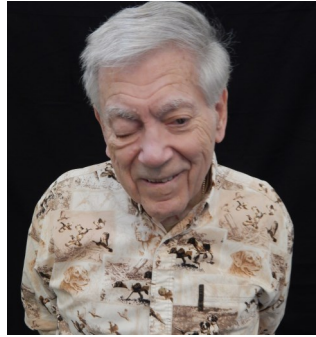
Two years ago, Jeanie had a stroke and move to the Bradford Village healthcare center. You may have seen her recently in *Broadway Hits: A Year in Revue!* Her best friend and husband, Glen, is very attentive, coming every day from Yukon to spend time with her. You can often see them on nice days sitting together in the garden area of the healthcare center. They have been married 54 years.

The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

John Boaz

John Boaz was born in 1934 in Drayton Plains, Michigan, where he remained through high school. John participated in many sporting events, including hockey, soccer, football, calisthenics, and boxing (he held the school record for doing sit-ups for 20 minutes!) He started working at a young age, including work in construction, roofing, and at a gas station.



Bethel College in Mackenzie, Tennessee was John's first experience in college; he then attended Central Michigan, where he decided to become a Disciples of Christ minister. He earned his bachelor's degree at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. While in his senior year at Butler, he met Dorothy, who became his wife. In two month's span, he graduated from college, terminated his 1-1/2 year position as a youth minister at Seventh Christian Church, entered seminary, was hired as a pastor by his first church, and married Dorothy. He prepared for his life as a minister at Christian University Theological Seminary, also in Indianapolis. Upon graduation, he served as minister in St. Paul, Indiana; Battle Creek, Michigan; and Overland, Missouri, for a total of 23 years. His favorite part of the ministry was having a one-to-one relationship with people.

When he was 45 years old, John had his first stroke, which incapacitated him. A second stroke took the sight in his right eye, and macular degeneration caused him to lose the sight in his left eye a few years later. The couple moved to Enid, Oklahoma, where Dorothy managed the Oklahoma Meadowview Apartments—owned by the Christian Church—for 15 years.

The Boaz's have three children and four grandchildren. Their son lives in Edmond, as does one of their daughters. Their other daughter lives in Chicago.

When Dorothy retired from Meadowview, the couple decided to move to a cottage at Bradford Village, where they lived for several years. Both are now making their home at the Assisted Living. John actively participates in AL living by working out every morning and attending weekly chapel services. You'll also find him at The Great Courses and Fireside Chats. John was The Phantom in *The Phantom of the Opera* and a rebel in *Les Misérables* in the recent production of *Broadway Hits: A Year in Revue*.

John says: "I think gratitude is the grounds for living, and I'm thankful to God for living."

MARCH MADNESS

We will be holding a March Madness Men's 2017 Basketball Tournament bracket contest this year. Brackets will be available on Monday, March 13th in the morning after Selection Sunday.

Each bracket will cost \$5 with the winner taking home 70%, second place will win 20% and 3rd place will win 10%.

Be looking for more information as March 13th gets closer. Please feel free to ask Eric if you have any questions.



Around the Village

Nyoka Berry, LPN

Nyoka Berry is the skilled nurse in charge of hall 300 at the Bradford Village health care center, from 7am-3pm daily. Though diminutive in height, even a casual observer can see she is in charge! It doesn't take long, either, to see how much she cares for "her" residents, and it's evident in her exchanges with residents and those who work with her that she's a great nurse!

Except for a few years in Minneapolis, Nyoka has lived in Spencer, OK; she graduated from Star-Spencer. She and her husband of 18 years live in Oklahoma City now, but are buying land in Spencer in anticipation of returning there one day. Both are from large families; they like to attend church together and they have 3 sons in the Oklahoma City area. Family is a priority for the couple.

Nyoka worked as an aide for 18 years before attending Platte College to earn her LPN three years ago. Her interest in health care was born when she went to a clinic as a high school project and met Dr. Donna Thomas. Dr. Thomas was the first to suggest nursing as a career for Nyoka and Dr. Thomas is still in touch with Nyoka. "She broadened my horizons," Nyoka says.

Working as an aide for hospice helped her see how the teams worked together for the benefit of the patients and their families. It also sharpened her appreciation of life and death. Platte College helped her have the credentials to be a nurse, but Scott Baker, fellow nurse at the Bradford Village health care center, really taught her how to do the job correctly. She credits Scott for much of her success.

Nyoka has worked other jobs in addition to health care. She was an insurance adjuster, licensed in 30 states, and also took classes in financial information, gaining training in estate planning and loans. She has worked at Bradford for three years, but also works at an agency as a nurse. Keeping two avenues open as been a plan all her life, to forestall failure.

With her leisure time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and being outside, especially at the fishing hole! She is an avid fan of OKC Thunder, OU sports, and the Dallas Cowboys. Her faith is her guideline; she mentioned the books for Proverbs and Acts as her favorite Bible reading and John 3:16 as her very favorite verse. "Life is a gift from God," were her closing words.





On April 1st, 1957, Oklahoma Christian Home opened its doors for business and 60 years later, now known as Bradford Village, we will be celebrating this historic milestone. Not many businesses can claim to have been around for 60 years but we can claim that as our own. Over the years, of course, Bradford Village has expanded the original nursing home to nearly double in size, and added 78 cottages, 44 assisted living apartments, a Community Center and Activity Center.

Most of you probably remember some of these facts but in 1957, Dwight Eisenhower was President. The Soviet Union launched Sputnik. The Milwaukee Braves won the World Series in baseball. Bobby Fisher became the chess champion at age 13. Movies such as *The Bridge over the River Kwai* and *Love in the Afternoon* came out in theaters. Songs like “Wake Up Little Susie” and “Jailhouse Rock” played on the airwaves. In 1957, the average yearly wage was \$4,555. 28 is what it cost for a gallon of gas. A pound of bacon was 60 cents and a dozen eggs would cost you 28 cents. Lastly, the stock market was trading at 436 (as of this writing it is trading at 20,808).

A lot has changed in the country since 1957 but one thing remains constant—the care provided at Bradford Village. And as long I’m here, that will never change. We have also gone through a lot of changes here on campus in the 60 years we’ve been around. I tried to locate the number of Edmond businesses that have failed since 1957 but the number must be so high it cannot be tracked. I would venture the number to be astonishing. 60 years in the health care industry is a remarkable feat and one that we are going to celebrate. And it is all of you that make this possible.

We will be celebrating this milestone the week leading up to April 1st. Be looking for information to come out and our week will end with a campus wide party on the afternoon of Friday, March 31st as we host an open house across the campus; the Elderly Brothers will be performing at the Health Care Center and much more. We look forward to celebrating the first 60 years and what the future holds for Bradford Village.

~ Eric Legleiter

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:
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.



New Fitness Opportunities at Bradford Village

Hannah Miller, Resident Programs Coordinator, is offering new wellness opportunities at Bradford Village. Be sure to check them out!

Balanced Body Class

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am-10:30am

This class is designed to help you:

- **Exercise safely and effectively**
- **Improve core strength**
- **Improve balance**
- **Increase range of motion**
- **Gain muscular strength and endurance!**

You're also invited to:

Equipment Orientation

Friday, March 3 @ 9:30am * Activity Center Gym

Learn to use the treadmills, bikes, and weight equipment!

