

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Around the Village:

MEMORIES

Each season we try to establish a theme in decorating the public areas of Independent Living—a way to help you remember special times, seasons, things, places, and people.

It's easier during the Fall Holidays to remember the pumpkins, hay bales, spooks, and squeaky screen doors. At Christmas, we use this cheerful season to remind you of spe-

cial things such as poinsettias, wreaths, lights, stockings, gifts, and the birth of Christ. Easter brings the spring theme with flowers, bunnies, baskets, and of course, the Christian celebration of the crucifixion. Summer brings the beauty of the flowers and the chance to get outside and remember our childhoods playing in the yard and watching our parents and grandparents sit on the porch in the

rockers and benches. As you pass these "Remembrances" we hope you will pause and—well—remember.

REMEMBERING A FRIEND —

Anne Plyler was a friend here to many at Bradford Village, a true lady. She loved the ball games and movies in the activity center and community center. Bridge was

a favorite pastime. Anne's daughters gave us the benches and chairs in the outer lobby of the activity center. A little paint and new cushions brought them back to life and serves as a wonderful reminder of the bright, always-smiling friend: Anne Plyler.



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Welcome, New Neighbors!

Joan and Jim Hirnisey

Joan and Jim Hirnisey's name is often mispronounced. "Think of the 's' as being a 'z' and pronounce it her-ny-zee." If that isn't hard enough to remember, her first name is pronounced "Jo-ann." Although it may take time to learn their names, we warmly welcome them to Bradford Village! This delightful couple is joining the Bradford Village family from 15 years living in Table Rock Lake's Holiday Island Resort in Arkansas.

Joan was raised in Sayre, OK, mostly, but the family lived in Edmond during WWII, close to the old Edmond High School on Boulevard. She began college at Sayre Jr. College and finished at Phillips with a double major in social sciences and education (teaching). After working several years as a social worker, she earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago. She began her career working at what is now DHS, in the Child Welfare department, working with adoption cases. She worked in San Diego, CA; Sunbeam Home in Oklahoma City, Arkansas, and Ft. Worth, TX; Metro Church's adoption agency in Oklahoma City; Children's Hospital; and she ended her career at the Geriatric Mental Hospital at Hillcrest in Oklahoma City. "I worked as a social worker, from babies to older people, for 41 years, both privately and for the public," Joan reported.

Jim Hirnisey was born in Lancaster, PA, an Amish community about 90 miles from Philadelphia. He was in the U.S. Airforce for four years, serving in Albuquerque, NM; Cape Canaveral, FL; Hawaii, and Arizona. He worked as a mechanic and in the testing field. Upon leaving the Airforce, he was employed by Lear-Sigler in Oklahoma City as a personnel manager. While working there, he earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from Oklahoma University and a Master degree from Oklahoma City University. He and Joan met and married during this time. His employment record includes working in Kansas for Cross as a personnel manager, Bell Helicopter in Ft. Worth where he traveled to Iran six times on HR duties, and finishing at Kerr-McGee in HR, specializing in wages and salaries. Upon retirement from Kerr-McGee, Jim spent ten years owning a Pak-Mail in Edmond, a shipping business that send furniture, antiques, and various other items across America.

The couple have been married for 48 years and have one son who lives in Indianapolis, IN.

The Hirnisey's previously lived in Edmond for 23 years. Edmond is close to Joan's extended family. Joan volunteered at the Oklahoma Christian Home for several years, which led to their choice of Bradford Village for retirement.



Bobbye and Ervin Heidebrecht



Our newest neighbors on Hadwiger are Bobbye and Ervin Heidebrecht. They moved here from Oklahoma City and are hoping to continue to attend Metropolitan Baptist Church there.

Bobbye was born in Clovis, NM, and she was raised in a very small town called House, NM. She was much younger than her sister and brothers, perhaps spoiled by all! After graduating from Checotah, OK high school, she worked at the Oklahoma state capitol for six years.

Ervin was born in the rural area outside Weatherford, OK and graduated from Weatherford High School, working on the farm when not in school. He served in the 45th Infantry and saw two year's duty during the Korean Conflict. He worked at International Harvester as a service manager as his career.

They have two sons, both living in Oklahoma City. One is an owner of Fleming Tax Service and the other works at Chesapeake. Bobbye and Ervin have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One granddaughter earned her degree in nursing from UCO; another serves as a missionary in India. One grandson is a professional bridal photographer and the other is part-owner of Fleming Tax Services.

After retirement, the couple enjoyed traveling with the Putnam City Retired Employees Travel Group, going with them to many sites in the United States and a wonderful trip to Israel and Rome. The Heidebrecht's have seen several interesting things in Europe, as well.

They moved to Bradford Village for many of the same reasons all of us did: "Tired of cooking, cleaning, yard work—just generally tired!"

Associate Spotlight—Timisha Haywood

Timisha Haywood—a vibrant, interesting young lady—has been the Health and Wellness Coordinator at Bradford's Assisted Living for about 2 and half years after several years as a nurse in the healthcare center; she's been at Bradford for seven years.

Capitol Hill was her high school and she also attended Platt College, earning an LPN degree. Timisha is currently attending Rose State's School of Nursing Science to become a Registered Nurse.

She admits to being a "sports mom" to her two sons, ages 13 and 9. She is also a foster mom to two more boys, ages 8 and 6. When not attending sports activities and practices, she loves to shop for clothes! Shoes account for a lot of her shopping time.



When asked what she liked about her job, she forthrightly answered: "Helping others is my passion."

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Belinda Davis



A recent addition to our Bradford Village community is Belinda Davis of 933 Jacobs. She was born in Tulsa, but the family moved to Huntsville, AR when she was 9 months old. It was WWII, and her dad enlisted and brought his wife and daughter to be with grandparents when he went to the army. When the war was over and he returned, the family stayed there.

Belinda graduated from high school, married, and her daughter Lesia was born—all in 1962. The marriage ended and the grandparents had moved away, but Belinda and Lesia remained in Huntsville. She supported them by working at various jobs.

In 1972, the local postmistress told Belinda that she needed to meet her nephew, who had just gotten out of the service. There were a few problems with that: First, Belinda was NOT interested in blind dates; second, the nephew, Ron, lived in Springfield, MO. Belinda's friend insisted the two of them would be perfect together, and finally Belinda agreed to meet the man on two conditions— she would be at the door to see when he got out of the car and if she didn't like what she saw, she could shut the door and nothing more would be said; likewise, when Ron exited his car and saw Belinda and wanted to leave, he could get back in his car—no questions asked! It was agreed upon... they liked what they saw and six dates later they were married!

It was a memorable wedding. Most of the invited guests and relatives were from out-of-town and had to drive down after work. Therefore, the wedding took place at midnight on June 2nd and finished on June 3rd. Belinda says she never had to promise to “love, honor, and obey.” And at some point before the reception her 2-year-old niece put her hand through the wedding cake! But it was patched up and you really could hardly tell.

The family settled for 2 years in Springfield where Ron worked for Aaron Transmissions and Belinda worked for Meisner Pharmaceuticals, which made and bottled what we now know as Robitussin. Belinda reports the office Christmas party would be “interesting” when some of the Robitussin would make its way into the punch!

Ron bought a Mac Tool Distributorship in 1978 in Arlington, TX. While there, Belinda went to TCJC. Lesia went to UT Arlington, graduating in 1984. In 1985, Ron moved the family to Edmond, working for Lance, Inc. until he retired in 2005. Belinda worked for C.L. Frates, Ins in Oklahoma City, retiring in 2008.

Ron and Belinda had a 5th wheel travel trailer and enjoyed taking several trips. Their last trip was to Disney World with the family. Ron became ill on that trip, so they returned home in July, 2009. Ron died in November of 2009.

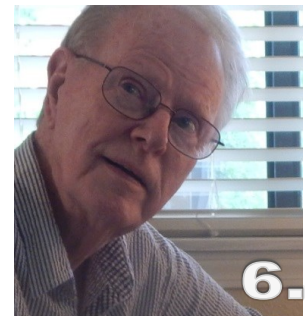
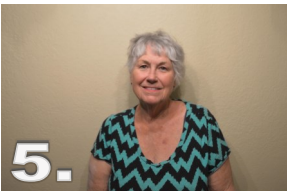
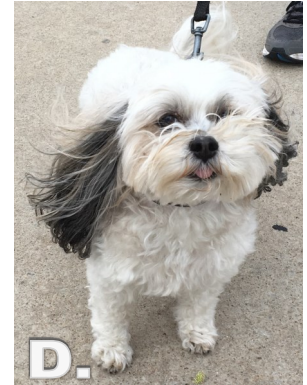
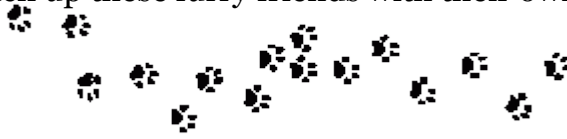
Belinda has two sweet little poodles, Fluffy and Baby. The dogs are good company and comfort since Ron's death and especially since Lesia's death last December. Happily, their daughter Joanna and family still live in Edmond and they were a big help in her move to Bradford.

We are so glad to welcome this delightful lady to our Bradford Village family!

Furry Friends of Bradford Village

Bradford Village doesn't only include residents of the human variety; we have lots of pets that live among us, too! Can you match up these furry friends with their owners?

(Answers to these and last month's matching game are listed below).



Answers to June "Furry Friends": 1) Black and white dog "Angie" - Sue Fream 2) Cats "Orange Mama" and "Jimmie" - John Osborne 3) Black cat is "B.K." - Don Wiard 4) Chihuahua - Patsy Corrigan 5) Small mixed breed dog - Gerald/Dorothy Skinner

Answers: A3 Nellie and Mary; B4 Thunder and Joe/Sandy; C1 Queenie and Jodie; D6 Ginger and Don/Joyce; E and F5 Kiki, Dahlia, and Susie; G2 Lizzie and Lou/Kathy

Around the Village

Ready for the 4th of July!

Bradford residents Jerry Biby and Lou Meszaros dressed the map/child statue at the entrance to the neighborhood. It is volunteers like these two who help keep things bright in our area. The second pictures depicts one of the flags hanging on Lincoln.



FROM THE HELP DESK

The Village Voice is pleased to introduce a new mini-series of articles related to your tech questions.

Has Your Email Address or Password Been Stolen?

- Robert Drummond

Have you noticed an increase in the amount of spam, or unwanted, email you've been receiving lately? I have! My email address was stolen in a recent hack of a large organization that affected millions of users. As a result, I'm getting lots of unwanted email trying to sell me products, offering me deals that are too good to be true, and worse.

If you would like to know if your email address has been "stolen" by hackers, you can visit <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>, a website created by an ex-Microsoft employee to help folks find out if their information has been stolen. Just enter your email address and it will tell you what, if any, of your information has been exposed. It will also monitor your email address and inform you if it is compromised in a future attack. I was lucky; my email address was stolen, but not any of my on-line passwords.

Of course, if your password(s) has been stolen, you should change it immediately on every website where it's used.

Speaking of passwords, I hope you are using the following (or similar) rules:

- ◆ Don't use the same password on multiple accounts
- ◆ Don't use the most common passwords: password or 123456
- ◆ Change your passwords regularly, at least once per year
- ◆ Don't use your birth-date, address, phone number, or pet's name as a password
- ◆ Consider using a password manager to help remember your different passwords

A password manager will help you select strong passwords and remember them for you. When you visit a website, the password manager can fill in your username and password for you! There are many good ones available, but LastPass (my choice) and Dashlane are the most popular, and offer both a free and premium version.

If you have questions about using a password manager, please email me at rwdrummond@cox.net, or call me at 308-1731.