

The Village Voice

Bradford Village—Villagio Senior Living

Welcome to the Team —Donna Syth

Donna Syth is our new part-time concierge. She is filling in when Madi is at the corporate office and agreed to be here when Madi takes maternity leave in July.

Donna was born in Oklahoma City, OK and at the age of fifteen her parents moved to Yukon where she later graduated from high school. After high school she attended St. Gregory's College (then a 2-year col-

lege) in Shawnee where she graduated. In the summer of 1969 Donna met her soon-to-be husband. After four years of marriage in 1973, they were blessed with a daughter Amy and five years later with a son Josh. Amy and her family now live in Omaha, Nebraska where she is Vice-President of a credit union, and Josh is a Charter Pilot and flies Lear Jets and lives in Oklahoma City.



Donna returned to school in 1995 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Central Oklahoma. She worked for a lobbyist for a year but didn't really enjoy it. She later worked for a hospital management company where she worked mainly for rural hospitals doing public relations and marketing. Donna loved it! She worked ten years as a hospital PR/Marketing Director. Later, Donna worked and retired from Rose State College in Midwest City also doing public relations and marketing.

Donna's husband retired in 2004, they enjoyed traveling and doing volunteer work together. Unfortunately, in 2005, Don-

na's husband died suddenly of a massive heart attack at age 58. Since then Donna stays busy volunteering at her church, enjoys cooking and entertaining in her home, visiting friends and family, has fun times making memories with her four grandsons, and enjoys playing with her dog Winston.

Bradford Village feels like Donna's "dream job" because she works part-time, and she loves visiting and getting to know all the residents here. She feels blessed to be here.

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New Neighbors

Sue Archer

Sue Archer is at home at 404 Spence with her two adorable Yorkie dogs “Cuddles” and “Cujo”, as well as cat “Juno.” She was born in Wewoka, OK but the family moved often for her father to work in the oil patch. She met Bobby Archer when they moved to Ada, OK her junior year of high school. Bobby did a six-month boot camp in the Army after they graduated. They married soon after his return. He remained in the Army Reserve for the six-year requirement while attending Central State College to earn a degree in business management. Bobby worked in sales for American Fidelity Insurance Corporation for thirty years.



Raising their three children was Sue’s main interest, but before they were born and after their oldest was fifteen years old, she worked for Hartford Insurance and Traveler’s Insurance about ten years each. Bill, their oldest, earned a PhD in Atomic Physics and works at the Los Alamos Nuclear Lab. He has one son. Their older daughter is Elizabeth who lives in Edmond and works in a doctor’s office. She has three children and five grandchildren. Their other daughter Angela died in 2016. Bobby and Sue raised Angela’s three children since gaining custody of them in 2009. Chase, the oldest, just graduated from college and got married. He had been very helpful in helping with the maintenance of the house before moving out. Colton just graduated from high school and is in Marine boot camp in California. London attends UCO, and she works at Subway.

After Bobby’s retirement, the couple enjoyed a group in Ada called “Hoboes,” a gathering of people who had travel trailers and traveled together. She continues to go to Ada monthly, staying in their trailer and playing dominoes while enjoying time with old friends. Participants don’t take their trailers on the road, but they enjoy keeping up the friendship.

Bobby died in 2012 and Sue continued to raise the grandchildren. With all of them safely “launched” she determined it was time for her to fulfill her long-time plan of moving to Bradford Village. She still has a home in Edmond’s Timber Ridge addition, but will be selling it soon.

New Neighbors Cont'd

Lee Reeder

Lee Reeder, our newest neighbor, is at home at 307 Spence. She was born in Tulsa at the dawn of the depression. Her parents were school teachers, then built and owned a 1000-seat motion picture show in Pryor, Oklahoma (who was experiencing boom days due to the importance of the powder plant). They sold the theaters in 1951 and built the NE 66 Drive-In Theater at the Lincoln Park area.

Lee graduated from the University of Tulsa and spent two summers attending Northwestern University in Illinois pursuing her interest in theater. She moved to Oklahoma City to help her parents at the drive-in theater and worked at a UHF television station where she had a fifteen-minute interview program three times a week. Lee also attended a business school during that time where she met her husband Jerry Reeder.

Jerry's career was serving as a CPA with the U. S. General Accounting Office. The couple had four children, and when the youngest was seven years old, they moved from OKC to Edmond. Ellen, their first child, is the author of "Dust Bowl Girls", a book the Bradford Village Book Club recently read



and discussed. The twins were next—Robert lives in Oklahoma City and has 5 daughters and 2 grandchildren and Rosalind works in commercial television and is in Kansas. David, Lee's youngest, lives in Edmond and has 2 daughters.

Lee's creative life has been rich. She directed and co-hosted a one-hour show for a year at KVOO TV in Tulsa and later did promotional work for the 50th anniversary of Oklahoma Statehood. While attending St. John's Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, she directed a series of plays based on Dorothy Sayer's biography of Jesus—which was very well-received as many semi-pro actors participated in the production. In Edmond she directed Dorothy Sayer's "He That Shall Come" at the Good Shepherd Church.

Jerry Reeder died unexpectedly in October 2017. Lee is a long-time friend of Jane and Bill Williams and it seemed a good time to move to Bradford Village. Lee, her cat "Shadow", and dog "Jack" are busy settling into their new home.

Riddle Me This...

What goes up when the rain comes down?

(Answer on Page 6)



Monthly Quote

“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

-Ronald Reagan



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Jim Davidson

Matthew 18:4 says *"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of God."* KJV

Ever wonder why God said we should become like little children? We should have the perspective on life that they do. How different life would be if we could see it through their eyes!



Letter from the editor

Calling all writers! The Village Voice is looking for contributors to the newsletter. What kinds of things can you share?

- ♦ Personal memories (see our two featured articles this month)
- ♦ Articles on a topic of interest (gardening, history, crafting or quilting)
- ♦ Favorite recipes
- ♦ Photographs

We also need writers to interview new and current residents. If you are interested in being a regular contributor, talk to Hannah about joining our team!

- Healthy Tip -



It's been extra hot this summer already! Staying hydrated is extremely important for your overall health as well as preventing heat-related illness such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which can be fatal.

Try to drink at least half of your body weight in water each day! For example, a 150-pound person should drink at least 75 ounces of water each day. Stay hydrated, and stay safe!

I Joined the Marines!

By Don D. Self on June 27, 2018

I joined the Marine Corps at age seventeen in 1946, barely in time to earn WWII rights. There were six of us on the train to San Diego for our fourteen weeks of boot camp. To my surprise, I was appointed officer-in-charge—I still have the orders! The other boys, eighteen or nineteen years old or more, were all high school graduates. After being held back a couple of days by a heart murmur, the heart specialist okayed me for boot camp. It was hard work and the hours were long, but I enjoyed it... and gained twenty pounds. We did a lot of marching, and often used marching chants with lots of dirty, irreverent words. Being a conservative Baptist boy, I decided to write a cleaner one (the platoon preferred the dirtier ones!):



**If you joined the Marine Corps
To work nine to five
Then you are a fool.
If you want to work nine to five,
Go back to school.
If you stay here
Learn to use your M1,
Failing that,
Learn to run mighty fast.
If you want to lead the charge
You won't last long.
So as for me,
I'll stay here
In my fox hole.**

Riddle Answer: An umbrella!

What's Been Going on at Bradford?

