

# The Village Voice

*Bradford Village—Villagio Senior Living*

**Welcome New Neighbors**

## **Richard & Sharon Cutter**

The newest residents of Bradford Village are Richard and Sharon Cutter, at 1010 Jacobs Street.

### **Richard Cutter**

Richard was born in Lovell, Oklahoma, four miles north of Crescent. He attended a one room school house on the corner of their farm. His quote, "I had to walk to school". He graduated from Crescent High School in 1952. He attended Oklahoma City University for a year: later went to Central State College and graduated with a BS in Education and

Business in 1958. He later earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation. He was married in 1953, his first wife passed away in January 1990 of the flu.

They had two children, Gary, a resident of Edmond, has one child. Debra, who lives in Cottonwood Shores, Texas, has two children and two grandchildren.

As a CPCU, he worked at North American Insurance and eventually was named Resident Manager Vice-President. He specialized in Bonding, Proper-

ty, and Liability Insurance for Road Construction Contractors.

"Jacobs Ladder" leaning upon the tree in their front yard came from his birth home. Richard and his father both were born in this house with the same doctor. He, Sharon and friends had gone out to the farm to remove the wood frames and slats from the falling down home. The ladder was leaning against the house and they decided it would look great in their backyard. The wood gathered from the house was made into a frame for a commissioned painted picture of his birth home. The slats were made into a cross which hangs in their home, both made by their friend. When they decided to move to Bradford Village and would live on Jacobs Street, the ladder was renamed, painted and now you know the rest of the story.

Richard and Sharon have 14 great grandchildren, 10 grandchildren

plus spouses and their children are a real tribute to the success of blended families. They all enjoy being together, a fact to be envied.

They chose Bradford Village after attending monthly seminars in retirement downsizing, held at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech. They were helped in so many ways and felt contentment about the way they achieved their goal of downsizing. They selected Bradford Village for their many friends and its Life Care designation, after looking at different places. They also liked the location in Edmond and the garage!

The Cutters are happy to be here and are eager to get to know their new neighbors.



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## **New Neighbors Cont'd—Richard and Sharon Cutter**

### **Sharon Cutter**

Sharon was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1948, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1954. After graduation, she was hired by Insurance Company as a key-punch/verifier. A year later she followed her old boss to Farmers Grain as their key-punch/verifier, meeting and marrying her husband. Farmers Grain transferred him and their family to Enid, Oklahoma in 1961. She was a stay-at-home mom to their children, twins, Jefferey and Jennifer and Brenda.

In 1971, working in David Hall's for Governor Campaign, they moved to Edmond, Oklahoma, where her husband was appointed to Commissioner of the State Insurance Fund.

In 1978, Sharon went to work for First Western Federal Savings and Loan in Edmond (now InterBank) as a teller, working her way up to AVP Branch Manager. In 1990, she invited her customer Richard Cutter to lunch. She received a certificate from Edmond Chamber of Commerce to the Interurban Restaurant. The rest is history, happily married since February 1991.

The couple is active in square dancing and wintering in Donna, Texas. They have traveled the United States, Alaska, Canada and Mexico in their RV. One year, Sharon broke her hip in February, but they still embarked on a RV trip in July, which lasted three months. They have enjoyed cruises to Europe, Russia, Amsterdam, Holy Land and more.

The Cutters are a tribute to the success of blended families. One year, they took 26 family members on a cruise; Two years later, they took those who couldn't go on the first trip.

Sharon's mottoes are: Be Happy and Be Positive and Have a Smile on Your Face. They are going to fit in well at Bradford Village.

### **Case #500606 OR Never too Old to Learn!**

By Clara Adel 6/29/2019

6/11 I drove around Mitch Park, just in time for my 4:00 water aerobics. Looking for a parking place, I finally found one between two SUV's, with people in them—not unusual for the Y as families are often coming and going. Quickly, I put my purse into the trunk, locked my car and hurried away.

On my return about 5:15, I quickly tossed my gym bag into the trunk and retrieved my purse, which felt light. Zipping it open, my heart fell; my wallet was missing, though my phone and checkbook were safely inside. I immediately drove home to make sure I hadn't left my wallet there and collect my thoughts. There was a message on my home phone from my credit card company alerting me of suspicious activity on my account and asking me to call. At 4:27 \$524 charge to Unique Beauty Hair, at 4:28 \$580 to a shoe co and at 4:43 at the local Walmart they charged \$420. Of course, they canceled my card immediately; the thieves knew they had little time.



## Case #500606 OR Never too Old to Learn! Cont'd

Rules leaned:

Never park next to a vehicle with people inside

Mark a list with phone numbers of all cards you carry in your wallet—and store it elsewhere

Never carry your social security card

Put your purse into the trunk before you leave home

Instead of using your remote, lock your car from the inside as you leave—or use your key (thieves can track those radio waves when you use your remote)

I was thankful:

I was not hurt

My car was not damaged

Only my wallet was stolen, not my purse containing my phone and checkbook

My daughter helped make a list of everything in my wallet and phone numbers, so we could both make calls immediately

I notified my bank and the police department. A detective called for details; they keep your case open for two weeks.

This was my first experience of having possessions stolen. I called my family to pray protection over all the information in my wallet. So far, so good. I have peace—and a new wallet.

### It Takes All Three

Some stronger people do just fine as they are. They don't need God's help; they don't need to pray. As an example, take a tragedy like losing your mother. Though they did a thousand things for us, they were small. No use bothering God for help, besides, she was getting really old!

What did my Aunt Ruby and Aunt Maude do for me, way back in depression days, to help my single mother? What did they do for me when I was small? Just feed me when I was hungry and care for me when I was very sick. That was the least they could do for me— I was their nephew, after all! Why bother God when we lost them, when they died. They were getting too old to help me anyway!

As a price of growing old, I lost all my grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends from the old days. But, after all, it was their time; I didn't need God then!


We lost our son, Marty, at twenty years old to drugs and alcohol, but why feel bad about him; he should have been more perfect, like me!

Our youngest daughter, Donetta, we lost too, but God couldn't have helped us there; she died of multiple sclerosis, long before time! That didn't hurt, hardly at all!

As time went on, I lost my first and second wives—that hurt a little more—but do I need to pray and ask for God's help, for every little thing?

You have figured out by now, I was being facetious, and my wife, Aleene and I were the weaker ones. We needed God's help when all those things happened. For all our problems, happy, unhappy or in-between, not always, but many times, it took all three—me, my wife and God!

By Don Self



*Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.*

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker of something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to "sprinkle" clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

- Head lights dimmer switches on the floor
- Ignition switches on the dashboard
- Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall
- Real ice boxes
- Paint leg clips for bicycles without chain guards
- Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner
- Using hand signals for cars without turn signals

Older Than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember not the one your were told about. Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or dines with table side jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax (that was our hair product)
11. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels...if you were fortunate)

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12. Peashooters
  13. Howdy Doody
  14. 45 RPM records
  15. S&H green stamps
  16. Hi-fis
  17. Metal ice trays with lever
  18. Mimeograph paper
  19. Blue flashbulb
  20. Packards
  21. Roller skate keys
  22. Cork popguns
  23. Drive-ins
  24. Studebakers
  25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt, but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.  
(Especially for O L D FRIENDS)

From Bob Shewmaker



## **Answers for last editions' GUESS WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE**

1. Bob Mathews
2. Loree Rice
3. Sharon Ward
4. Sue Fraim
5. Gloria Rehrig
6. Jim Davidson
7. Dick Thomas
8. Don McGregor
9. Jean Smith
10. Mary Quisenberry
11. Winnie Hall
12. Edna Kliewer

### **Current “People to Remember”**

Once modeled with Vanessa Williams

Always wanted to be able to DANCE (in public)

Rode a mule for fun

Attended the University of Chicago

Likes to play drums

Interviewed Eddy Cantor for my college radio show (years ago)