

# The Village Voice

*Bradford Village—Villagio Senior Living*

## Farewell Colene

Diligent, conscientious, attentive, energetic, caring, observant, loyal. These are the words that come to mind when we think of Colene Overton. It was with real sadness when it was learned that Colene is moving to California! Colene has worked at Bradford Village since May 31, 2012. One of her favorite things to do is make people happy. In this endeavor she has succeeded with flying colors. She came to Oklahoma at the time of her daughter's divorce to support, aid, and en-

courage her daughter. She began working at Bradford and loves her job. Colene considers Bradford Village her home as she loves and cares for the residents.

Deciding to leave a home that you love and change your living environment is a major decision and can be difficult. However, when you enter the dining room and you are greeted by first name by someone you have never met is overwhelming. What a precious gift! That is something that is not readily forgotten by the new

resident. This is Colene's way of saying "welcome" and to make you feel at home as all the residents are important to her.

Family time, working in flower beds, collecting the writings of Don Self (she has saved them all), and the beach are some of her favorite things. Concerts are also something she enjoys and collects backstage passes. Salt and pepper shakers that she began giving to her mother, brooches, and crystal door knobs are also on her collection list.

Colene has lots of family in California and for a time she will be living with her son and daughter-in-law in San Diego. Another favorite of Colene's is the beach. What a perfect place to be to enjoy that! She is looking forward to enjoying the company of her many family members. Resting will be the first order of business but could return to working for a property management company

that she worked for before moving to Oklahoma.

In Colene's words, "Y'all are like family to me and I will truly miss you all. I have enjoyed my time here with y'all. You've helped me grow as a person and I've learned a lot from you. I love y'all and have felt the love from all of you. I hope the love stays in the air here. My family has been asking me to come back home for years now and I feel the time is now. If I missed signing anyone's birthday card this year Happy Birthday. Thank you all for being my extended family, Love Colene."

The residents will miss you, Colene. You have lived out who you are and we love you.

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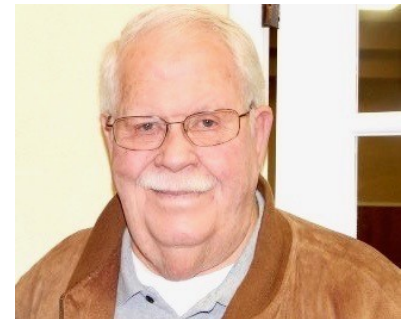


When you use mulch you might not recognize all the flowers that you have planted. You may experience a “new friend” in your garden. Our garden authority has just experienced that. Charles and Donna Suenram used cotton mulch for their garden and guess what! They are now growing cotton. Not sure that their cotton patch will quite produce a bale!



Recently, Bradford Village was lucky to be the audience for a presentation by Garry and Misty. They used us for a rehearsal. We had a good afternoon session of nostalgia, wit, and fun. Those that attended (we had a very good turnout) had a lot of laughs and it was certainly a great change from a usually quiet afternoon. This was a rich experience. We realized how much we have missed programming and are ready for more.

It is with heartfelt sympathy that our neighborhood said good-bye to Bill Love. Sorry for your loss, Willa. Your neighbors are here for you.



EDITOR’S NOTE: As you all know, Karen and Ann are amateur press at working on the Village Voice. Consequently, mistakes are inevitable. Sorry. Karen took beautiful pictures and Ann failed to put the pictures of two major stories in the newsletter. Ann apologies to the Hirniseys and to Don McGregor for not putting the pictures with the stories.



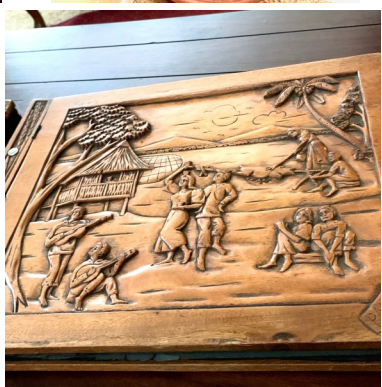
Here are the pictures of Carl Robert Hirnisey. He is being indoctrinated early with OU outfits supplied by the proud grandparents, James and Joan Hirnisey.



EXERCISE ONE OF OUR GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS  
VOTE—November 3—First Christian Church—2nd & Boulevard



Our community “Lamp Man” has interesting and meaningful items in his home. They are beautiful marking of wonderful episodes of an adventurous and meaningful life.



Note from the Executive Director:

### **When Will It End?**

It is October and while we would hope the pandemic would be subsiding, it is starting to really ramp up. Flu season is also about to descend upon us which could be the parts for a horrible winter. However, there is good news in that we can each play a vital role in keeping ourselves and others safe.

Of course this will require frequent updates and reminders of what our part can be. So here we go. The most important action we can take is to wear a mask. This means while we are in the Community Center or any other place where there are people, we can use hand sanitizer as often as we can. We can stay home if we don't feel good. Report and signs or symptoms to the management staff so that we can make any necessary adjustments to be able to support you. And while most do not want to hear this, it is imperative that we stay at home as much as possible. This is the tough one as we need “things” but need to get them. We are working on a plan to try and accommodate this through various options available to all of us and will announce these as soon as they are finalized.

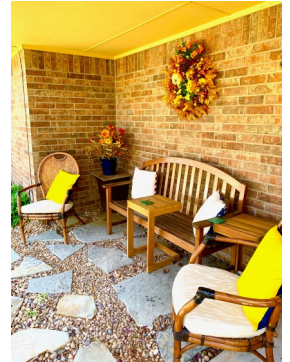
I would much rather be talking about something else but, unfortunately, this appears to be how our lives will look for the foreseeable future. But “family” defines the Bradford Village spirit so let's take care of all our family.

Eric Legleiter





Fall has long been a favorite season as the colors are so lovely. Not only is the color exquisite, the decorations are fun and some a commemoration of the season of Thanksgiving. It is also a reflection of a time in our lives that we celebrated the harvest. Enjoy the fall in our neighborhood!





### **November Birthdays**

November 5—Don Findley

November 8—Don Coody

November 12—Gloria Rehrig

November 14—Winnie Hall

November 18—Jocile Crocker

November 19—Hwa Yun Paddock

November 22—Gary Briney

November 27—Sharon Cutter

November 29—Bill Cather

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