

# The Village Voice

*Villagio of Bradford Village*

## A Visit to the Capitol



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Bill and Ann Cather had a special experience a couple of weeks ago. They were the special guests of Senator Michael Brooks-Jimenez. They had a special guide, Braxton Coil, from the office of Senator Brooks. As many of you are aware, the State

Capitol has been under repair for some time. It is near completion and is beautiful. The gallery of house and senate both still need refurbishing but that could be later on the agenda. The entry down the ramp on the south side is beautiful. The landscaping, the all-glass door, and the gorgeous white marble as you enter the building are stunning new features. There are four square marble columns with beveled edges surrounding an exquisite state seal on the

floor. It is truly breathtaking. After a walk through the gift shop, the Cathers made their way to the senator's office. It was a lovely, warm, and welcoming space with a delightful young woman to meet us; Annie Wilkerson Menz is Senator Brooks' assistant. Most of the time was spent observing the Senate as they passed 22 bills. An interesting fact: There are only four lawyers in the Senate. The House of Representatives was the next stop. They

were on their last bill before lunch. If ever you have about four hours, go and explore the Oklahoma State Capitol and see how your tax dollars are spent!



*\*During the activity think tank meetings in May, several residents suggested the idea of a group tour of the capitol building. Feedback was shared that it might be better to wait to go closer to the end of 2021 or even early 2022 after all the construction is finalized.*  
~ Caitlin

### A Note from the Activities Director:

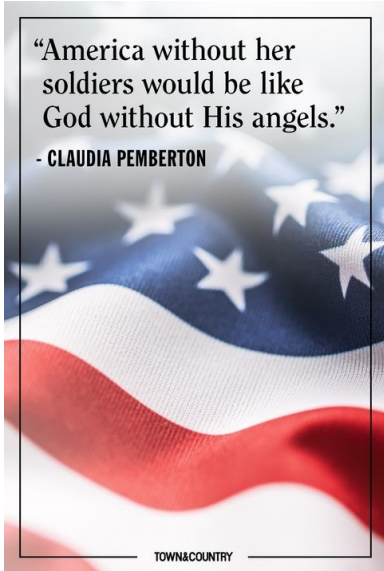
June calendars are on their way! With the holiday on Monday, distribution by June 1 might be delayed. Here are the highlights for the first week in June!

Tuesday, June 1 @ 3pm—Ice Cream Social (CW)  
Friday, June 4 @ 11:00a—Lunch @ Edmond Railyard (sign up!)



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## Memorial Day

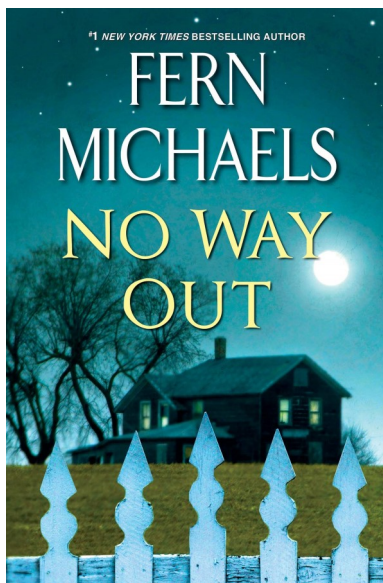
Monday, May 31 is Memorial Day. It used to be called Decoration Day and was a time for families to decorate the graves of their fallen soldiers who died in the Civil War. After World War I it became a time to decorate all the graves of fallen soldiers.

Decoration Day was originally on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May but it is now celebrated on the last Monday of May. In 1961 it was designated as Memorial Day and declared a national holiday. The red poppy is the flower of the day.

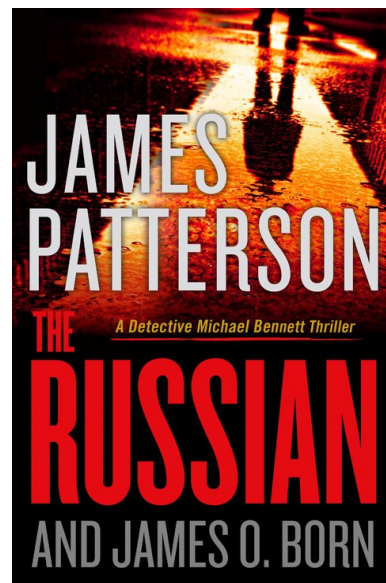
*Note:*  
*Staff offices will be closed but the dining room will be open for regular breakfast and lunch service.*

## Library Notes

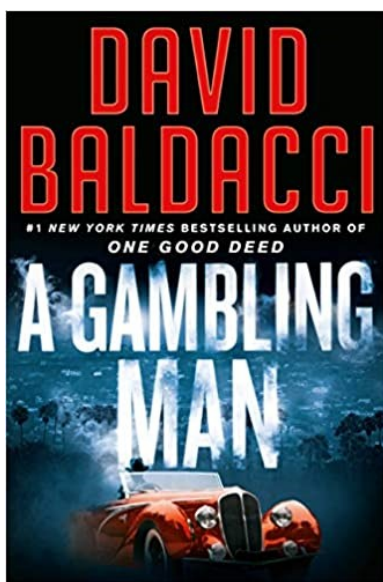
How long has it been since you visited our library? It is wonderfully cared for by volunteers for our community. The volunteers are led by Cecelia Parkey, with Karen Perrin taking care of the Little Free Library located on Boulevard. New titles have recently been purchased! They are:



*No Way Out*  
 by Fern Michaels



*The Russian*  
 by James Patterson  
 & James O. Born



*A Gambling Man*  
 by David Baldacci



*The Vanishing Half*  
 by Brit Bennett

# Talented Staff

No one can ever say our staff at Villagio Bradford Village is not talented! Earlier this year, we had had difficulty staffing our dining room so our Executive Director and Financial Director stepped right up as servers... and they did a great job! Thank you for serving our meals and being ever ready to help out where needed.

We thanked Eric and Kammi with customized aprons (we think they look pretty cute.)

While we are grateful to Eric and Kammi for stepping up, we also are very happy to welcome our new dining staff, Shefaly Mondal and Tania Williams!



## Notes from the Executive Director:



### *0-100 in the blink of an eye*

Does anyone else feel like you went from doing nothing with nowhere to go and in the blink of an eye there are now so many places to go and events to attend? I know our team has felt this: as an example, be-

tween May 21 and May 27 we have scheduled 7 tours, and in May have hosted 3 professional events and several resident gatherings. It was a great feeling to see everyone at Celebrate, the birthday party, and movie & pizza, and we're looking forward to all of the other events that are starting to fill up our social calendars.

Another big happening on campus will be a roofing project. A roofing company is beginning preparations to have all of the roofs replaced—

every roof on the campus. This decision is the result of an insurance adjustment after the October and February storms, plus past hail damage. The plan is to get materials stockpiled and prepare to begin hitting the roofs on June 1<sup>st</sup>. As of now I do not have a timeline as to how long this project will take, but I will continue to update you as we move forward. I am not confident that they will be able accommodate late sleepers or early to bed folks, so know there may be a day or two that early or late noise will occur.

Lastly, there will be numerous leadership team members who will be taking time off the summer since we could not do anything last year. We will keep you posted as to who is out and when.

Until next time, Happy Father's Day and have a great month.

## **IN MEMORIUM:**

Our community recently said good-bye  
to our friend

Robert "Bob" Shewmaker

He was known as the quiet man among  
us, but always kind and friendly to all.

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