

The Village Voice

Bradford Village, a Brookdale Community

Resident Spotlight

Charles and Donna Suenram

Donna and Charles Suenram have always impressed us with their stunning flowers and shrubs in the front yard of 1006 Jacobs Street. What a showcase! Recently, Donna has amazed us with raising caterpillars into butterflies. She has offered to help others next summer to duplicate her efforts – hopefully with the same success.

Needed: a large shoe box or similar container, plastic to cover the top of the container, a large twig, and leaves from a living dill plant. Donna got her caterpillar from

who had the dill plant in her back yard, complete with caterpillars. They took about a week to the chrysalis stage (looks like a cocoon), which lasted a week to 10 days. The cocoons broke out into beautiful butterflies. (Editors of The Village Voice will remind you next year of Donna's offer to help those interested in following her lead).

Donna is still involved with quilting and donates baby quilts to the Infant Crisis Center. She began in 1990 and is a self-taught quilter. The Senior Center was pleased to have Donna teach quilting for a few years; she stopped after moving to Bradford Village. She has

five beautiful quilts stacked on her guest bed.

Charles was raised at 806 N. Boulevard – the location of Don Wiard's and Mary Lou Pendleton's cottages. He has many memories of the neighbors, including their names and occupations. Charles graduated from Edmond High School, now called Boulevard Academy, having played clarinet in the band and leading them as Drum Major for two years. He entered the US Air Force upon graduation, serving as an aircraft mechanic in the Panama Canal Zone. Most Edmondites know him as the long-time oper-

ator and owner of Farmer's Feed and Grain, which closed in 2013.

Besides working almost non-stop, the Suenram's had a travel trailer which they used to take their children on trips around America, including trips to Florida, New York, and South Dakota.

Donna and Charles attend Santa Fe Presbyterian Church. What a blessing they are to our Bradford Village family.



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Welcome, New Neighbors

Alven & Helen Lawson

ALVEN

Alven Lawson was born at home, near Stidham, OK, attended Raiford's two-room school house for elementary school and graduated from Eufaula High School in 1946. He was soon drafted, but chose to go into the Air Force, where he served in Okinawa for 18 months and in El Paso for the rest of his time. Eligible for the GI Bill, he earned a degree in Math, Science and Business from Panhandle A&M. After two years of teaching in Sharon, OK, he moved to central Oklahoma where he began a career of 21 years teaching at Deer Creek. To supplement his income, during the summers Alven drove for the Greyhound Bus Co. – and made more than the year's teaching. Later TG&Y hired him to drive their delivery trucks, taking him on full-time from 1976-1988.



Alven and his family of three sons attended the “Tee-Pee” church, which still stands on west Edmond Road. His three sons have a total of 9 children and 5 grandsons, and another on the way! The oldest son is in Colorado, the second lives in Lampasas, TX, and the youngest is in Ft. Worth.

Helen and Alven met dancing (chicken dance) in Oklahoma City; they married in 1984 in Las Vegas.

Their greenhouse kept the couple busy before moving to Bradford. Alven raised vegetables, pineapples, a banana tree, and assorted flowers.

HELEN

Helen was born near Lincoln, Nebraska, was raised in Kansas City and graduated from Kansas State University. She eventually moved to Oklahoma City, and lived there for 47 years. She had a 23 year career teaching at Deer Creek. Through the years, her assignments included grades 4-8. She also coached the competitive Academic Team.

Her daughter lives at Lake Hiwassee (east of Edmond), graduated from OSU, and has three children. Helen's son lives in Oklahoma City, is a veterinarian, and also has three children.

Helen enjoys playing bridge and anticipates playing with new friends at Bradford Village.

We welcome the Lawsons to the Bradford Village family as they make their home at 929 Jacobs.

Chaplain's Corner

by Jim Davidson

Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop, but a good word maketh it glad.

~ Proverbs 12:25 KJV

Make an effort to be a ray of sunshine in words or deeds. You never know what problems someone is facing today, and you may be the one who can lighten their load.

Ted & Karen Perrin



Karen and Ted Perrin joined us at Bradford Village on August 23, 2017 after many years of living in Edmond.

TED

Ted was raised on a farm about 10 miles east of Chickasha, OK and graduated from Chickasha High School. His father was a sharecropper (renting land to farm and paying the rent in a percentage of the year's crop) who was so embittered by the Great Depression that he said, "I'm not going to buy land; we're going to have another depression."

Central State College – now UCO—was Ted's choice when he graduated from high school at the age of 16 years old. He worked at Wynn's IGA during college (now the location of the Martini Bar adjacent to Boulevard Steakhouse.)

He met Karen his senior year and they were married upon graduation. He taught math in New Mexico for a year and returned to teach in Oklahoma for two years. Realizing that it would be difficult to support a family the way he wished, he changed jobs and worked in the insurance field as a computer programmer for 20 years. He and a partner then formed a consulting company for about 15 years. He finished his career as Vice-President of Operations for Little Giant Pump Co. All of these enabled the Perrins to live in Edmond as his jobs were in Oklahoma City.

Soccer has been a special interest for Ted; he was instrumental in forming the Edmond Soccer Club and he coached soccer for 10 years. His other interests are reading, golf, and playing bridge. Ted and Karen attend the First Christian Church.

KAREN

Karen was born into a Navy family and they moved often. One of her fondest memories of childhood was the 4 years they lived in Naples, Italy, where she attended grades 6-8. Field trips were to a "sister" in Vesuvius and family vacations were spent in Germany and other European locations. She graduated from high school in Norfolk, Virginia and the family relocated to Edmond, where she began Central State College. She met Ted in a class there and... the rest is history! In 1963, after Ted taught in New Mexico for a year, they returned to Edmond, making it their home ever since.

During college, Karen worked at Kirkland's Drug Store (now the location of Café 501) as a "soda jerk." She remembers, "When anyone ordered a banana split, I had to run over to the grocery store to buy one banana!" She later worked for Thompson's Insurance for 4 years, which was sold and became Howell/Stone Insurance. She was a stay-at-home mom after their sons were born. When they were older, she began a 22-year career with the Edmond Public Schools beginning at Chisolm and Orvis Risner Elementary Schools and finishing at Cimarron Middle School. Like Ted, she enjoys golfing, playing bridge, and reading.

The Perrins have two sons. Steven lives in Edmond and has two sons. David lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico and has a daughter. They are especially close to Hannah, their granddaughter, as she spends many vacations with them.

"We always knew we'd move to Bradford Village when the time came. We have so many friends here," they said. They traveled to South Africa with Ann and Bill Cather a few years ago and have cruised Alaska. Red River, New Mexico is their yearly destination during the summer.



Around the Village

Keeping Your Computer Safe from Malware

by Robert Drummond

What is malware? It's software such as viruses and other nasty things that infect your computer. Please install a good anti-malware suite: anti-virus software alone is no longer enough protection. Most anti-virus makers offer anti-malware suites now, and there are some good free ones available. After you install it, keep it up to date! Make sure it is configured to automatically download updates (most do so automatically). Also, be sure to schedule regular scans. I recommend a quick scan every day and deep, or full, scan at least weekly.

Ransomware is a growing threat. Most victims so far have been large organizations that the scammers expect to have deep pockets to pay the ransom fee, but you can bet there will be more and more attacks on home computers. Not all anti-malware suites protect against ransomware, and many do so by detecting it after the fact, making recovery difficult. An exception to this is RansomFree – a free tool made by former elite military cyber-security specialists. It stops ransomware before it can lock any of your files. You can learn more or download it from their website: <https://ransomfree.cybereason.com/>. This product is for Windows 7 and above only.

You may not think about operating system updates as part of your anti-malware efforts, but they are! Many system updates improve your computer's security in addition to providing new features. So it's important to install updates as they become available.

Did you know that backups are also part of an

anti-malware plan? That's right; if your computer is infected and you can't "clean" it, if you have good backups you can just restore the most recent pre-infection backup and continue on.

Be careful when using "free" wi-fi services that don't require a password to connect your laptop or smart phone. Think about it: if you can connect with no password and decide to access your bank account, who else might be connected to the network and spying on you?

The final thing to consider when keeping your computer safe is the operator. That's right, you! Most infections occur as the result of user actions. **Don't open suspicious emails from people you don't know, and don't click links in emails that seem suspicious.** Think twice even when you know the sender – sometimes spammers send email that appears to come from one of your email contacts! You can usually spot these because the message is usually a one-line invitation to click on a link, like "Hey, I thought you'd appreciate watching this video."

There are many articles on the Internet about these topics. Just search for "keep my computer safe", "protect my computer", or something similar and you'll find many "how-to" guides and product comparisons and reviews.

If you have questions about what products you should be using, or would like to have me review your current software and make recommendations, please email me at rwdrummond@cox.net, or call me at 308-1731.

snapshot

Photos from around Braford Village



Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Party begins at 7am / Walk begins at 9am
Bicentennial Park

Thank you to all our donors and participants.
Our total is raised \$3600 and climbing!

Please walk with us!
See Caitlin for registration

Garage Sale & Vendor Fair



Falling into Fall Vendor & Craft Show

Join us for a fun day of Shopping!!

Bradford Village Community Center
Saturday, September 16
10 am-3 pm

Expected Vendors include:

Lipsense ~ LuLaRoe ~ Paparazzi Accessories

Scentsy ~ Origami Owl ~ Young Living

Arbonne ~ Chloe + Isabel ~ Luminess

Lilla Rose ~ Pampered Chef ~ Rodan & Fields

Eco Friendly Jewelry ~ Perfectly Posh

Usborne Books & more ~ My color street

Sierra's Nifty Crafts ~ Bedroom Kandi by Kim

Any many more...

In honor of September being Alzheimer's Awareness month, we will be donating proceeds from the booth rental fees to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

**Bradford Village
Community
Garage Sale**

**Saturday,
September 16**

7 am-4 pm

229 Lincoln

**Furniture, décor,
and much more!**

Volunteers needed to work the sale. Please contact Willa Love.

Please complete a work order for Maintenance to pick up large items. For smaller items, please take items to 229 Jacobs. Contact Willa Love or Caitlin Cairns for available times to take items to 229 Jacobs.