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Who Are We?

Marilyn Shewmaker has a most unusual job. Many of us have been secretaries, recorders, clerks but have you ever heard of a person that does Engrossing and Enrolling? Well, Marilyn is one of those from December to May. When she applied for the part-time state job, she did not know what it was either.

Marilyn's first four years working the Oklahoma State Legislature were spent engrossing and enrolling. This is a process that a bill must go through before being heard in committee, where amendments are added and voted on. This is where a bill lives or dies. January through March is when the engrossing takes place and may have to go through this process more than once. Bills that are going to the floor must have been

processed by the end of March. Before it is completed the team works in pairs reading the bill word for word comparing to the State Statutes or if the new law checking citations are involved. This is done for every bill whether it is one page or 100 pages. Bill deadline is greeted mightily as these teams are exhausted by then.

After the engrossing, then enrolling takes place. After the HB is heard and the Senate approves the bill, then it is formatted and printed on "pretty paper." If any amendments are added any time after it goes to the floor it must return to the E and E department and be read word for word again. (UGH)

E and E emerged with processing four years ago. The attorney involved in makes sure

everything is legal and the intent of the bill is worded correctly. By the third Thursday of January all the bills have to be assigned a number to be a House Bill or a Senate Bill. The legislature begins their session on the first Monday in February. There can be as many as 1000 bills filed, but only about 300 make it to the House and on to the Senate.

This Year Marilyn got the opportunity to take the position of Control Clerk when the previous Control Clerk, a lady of 83 years of age, decided to become a House Sargent! At the Control Desk Marilyn is busy with the request numbers, types of bill, requestor, and author so it can be entered into the computer. As with government you are to print on blue and staple on pink and then

pass to the staff to encode. Lots of filing, stapling, copying and final proofing as well as e-mails that have to be considered all have to go through Marilyn who also puts the bills in the file. If a person ever wonders what happened to a bill that is of interest to them, just go to OK.gov and the bill can be tracked through the whole process.

Every year is crazy but one can only imagine what this COVID 19 has done to the second session of the 57th Legislature!

Let's take our hat off to Marilyn!

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Inquiring Minds Want to Know

We asked the staff for information concerning our meals. Before March 13, 2020, the buffet served 30 resident breakfast and lunches were served to an average of 50 residents daily. Since the drive thru has been offered there have been an average of 55 resident breakfasts and 75 resident lunches served. Thanks to Mike and Deb for our meals! Meal drive-thru is a highlight of our day!

The kitchen now buys boxes and sacks which were not being purchased at all before. Smaller containers are now ordered in greater number. Bradford Village has waived all additional meal charges for residents since the beginning of the Quarantine. The staff wants all residents to have an opportunity to pick up breakfast and lunch each weekday given the governor's shelter in place directive.

Really?

Some of us may grumble about things that we are enduring since the shut-down but just think about it. Do you think any other retirement facilities have served wine, beer, mimosas, beautiful yellow roses, Eileen's cookies, Famous Amos cookies, just to name a few extras in resident lunches to provide a little "pick me up"?

Have You Made Some of Your Own Fun?

Glo Rehrig and a group of very hardy participators have enjoyed exercise class on the back drive of the Community Center on morning weather permitting.

One afternoon we even played Bingo in the back of the Community Center under the trees with paper grids and marking pens. Several played and it was a good laughing time.

A friendly fellowship time has been enjoyed by some of the residents that could be identified as "rebel rousers." Any one that comes along is always invited to join us. Many interesting items are under discussion. One of the most exciting events the group witnessed was watching bucket trucks at the Assisted Living. How thrilling! Family members rode the buckets so they could see resident family on the second floor. It was touching and thrilling. Another example of our thoughtful and caring staff.



How Is Your Haircut?

If your hair is needing attention, you missed a golden opportunity. Glo Rehrig styled hair in a resident's garage last week. Glo cut and/or styled hair for eight of our neighbors. Four men and four women participated and they did look sharp when they left. We even had a "good fairy" bring us muffins to go with coffee.

Thank you Glo!



What have you done to enrich life at Bradford Village? You recently received a notice in your lunch sacks that nominations and/or volunteers are needed to serve on the Executive Committee. Please consider contributing. Contact an Executive Committee member or a staff person. Before a person is nominated by someone their consent must be obtained.

It is the goal of the Village Voice to share interesting and unusual information about a resident. Maybe it was a life changing event. If you would like to be highlighted, please contact Ann Cather.