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## A New Season

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Oakcreek Cohousing

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An outstanding show of daffodils has introduced Spring 2023 at Oakcreek Community.



Though Oklahoma winter offered a few freezing days, neighbor Bob escaped to Montreal for a 'fix' of real snow -- and some interesting old time radio.







In California Cheryl  
found her own  
entertainment and  
version of new  
life -- with  
newborn granddaughter.



Though our town of Stillwater is small, it does house a very convenient airport with AA service -- making flights easily accessible within a 10 minute drive. Steve and Pat joined family in Scotland during Christmas.

Steve and Pat are standing next to the Police Call Box which is well known as the shape of the TARDIS, the time machine from the Doctor Who series.



Also while in Scotland,  
they encountered a  
village of "leaf people"







Steve and Pat joined family in North Carolina for a holiday reunion on beautiful Ocracoke Island, and shared their photos to cheer up the rest of us.



Plus a scene from "A Christmas Carol"



decorated the porch of their daughter-in-law's business.



Oakcreek's workshop provides space for a variety of projects - here shielding the luminaria preparations from the wind. Note, though, only light jackets were needed on this sunny December day.



Preparations for our 'Dirty Santa' party occupied a few of us during December, baking and decorating the Common House.





The primary challenge, though, was to locate a gift offering that would become the 'most stolen' at the party.

Since all of us attempt to maintain a 'downsized' home, there are always items available to be 'gifted,' or 're-gifted.'





The bag of M&M's was popular for stealing; however, . . .



. . .no one stole the iron from Raoul. In fact, many asked, 'What's That???'



As always, the holidays



also brought times of contemplation and celebration of traditions. The labyrinth provides a peaceful place for thought, readings, and remembering.



Each spring Oakcreek reserves one Saturday for a Community Strengthening activity. There may be a communication workshop, a fun team competition, or a relationship building project.

This year the Well Being Team arranged for us to spend a morning volunteering at Our Daily Bread, the city's food bank.

In preparation, large boxes of packaged foods were collected to be donated.





At the facility, each of us was assigned a task -- stuffing envelopes, stocking food shelves, re-packaging disposable diapers, etc. Even those with limited mobility were able to participate.



In addition to strengthening our community, this activity reinforced Oakcreek's Value of Community Involvement. A number of neighbors will continue monthly volunteer visits to Our Daily Bread.

On an unhappy note, our neighbor and good friend Helen decided to move to Virginia to be near family members. She and feline companion George made the trip well, and are now settled in their new home. Helen's participation in the formation of Oakcreek was invaluable, and following 10 years of residence here, she is sorely missed.



With two members moving nearer to family, there have been two Oakcreek homes on the market, an unusual occurrence. Notices went to our 'Interested List,' and both homes have Pending Sales. This is a reminder to those Newsletter recipients who would like to be notified of Oakcreek homes for sale -- if you are not currently receiving those notifications, contact us and ask to be placed on the 'Interested List.'

Again we'll close with gratitude --

For living in a community with good neighbors who help when needed -- even to move a refrigerator!!





and --

For birthdays! Happy Birthday, Steve!! (And thank you, Pat, for the checkerboard cake.)



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