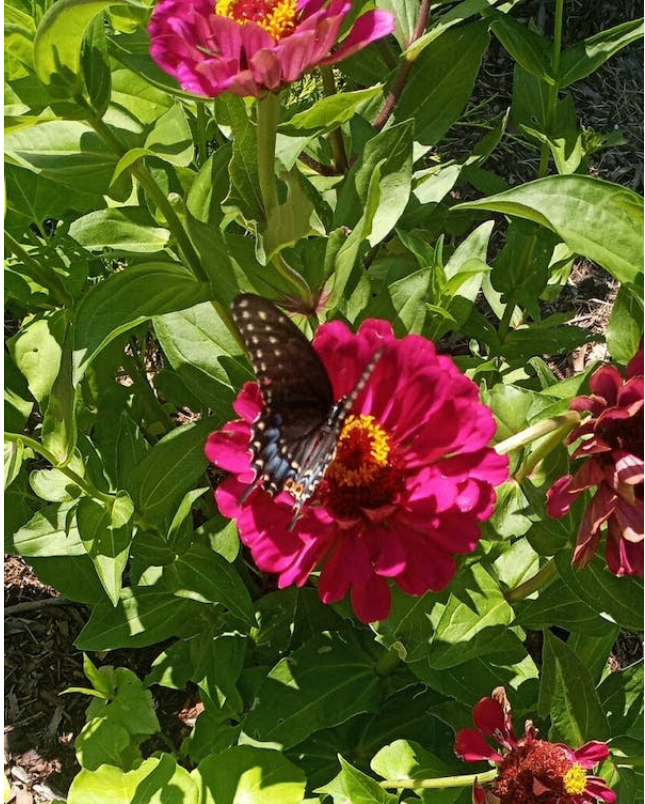

Butterflies and Balloons!!

Oakcreek Cohousing

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Recently there's been a rash of emerging butterflies here in Stillwater -- and Oakcreek Community has just the observers to capture the moments. Many of us missed these little 'events of nature' during our years of work, family raising, and constant busy-ness. Nice to enjoy them now.



As always, we're also enjoying time with our 30 community neighbors.

Visitors to our rightsized
cohousing houses



sometimes object that they couldn't live in such a small home -- not enough space for visitors & family events. We disproved that objection on Labor Day, when Ronda & Chuck celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary with 47 neighbors and family members. Oakcreek's terrace, grounds, and common house accommodated the crowd perfectly.

The 'in-law guys' managed the grills; good food, good games, and good fun was had by all.



Little girls livened up the party with their balloons, and their insistence that everyone play.

Fortunately, they kept their WATER balloons outside!



As always, the more competitive partygoers participated in a rousing game of cornhole or horseshoes, dodging the water balloons and the puppy walkers.



Oakcreek's extensive grounds allow for as much outdoor activity as our energy permits.



The Labor Day/Anniversary party wound down with more visiting and a few family pictures -- just as if we were in a private 3,000 sq ft home. And there's the added cohousing benefit -- lots of extra help cleaning up!





Summer 2023 continued to include travel for Oakcreek members.



Bob's Chicago trip included a visit to Wrigley Field.



No cost inflation between these two Cubs Programs -- a dime for each in 1954 and 1961.

Steve and Pat's travels included more time on Ocracoke Island, watching the Windfall II sailing, and helping with the annual music festival.



In support of Stillwater's local food bank, Our Daily Bread, a number of Oakcreek members attended the 'Top Chef' fundraiser. When one diner requested a substitute for the beef entree, a very generous serving of potatoes was provided -- laughs all around! And yummy, I'm sure.

As cooler weather arrives, walks around Oklahoma State University provide a pleasant pastime. The formal garden and this buffalo were sites worth seeing on a recent tour.



In addition, the University provides outstanding opportunities for music and drama productions at the McKnight Center, with the current season recently featuring three performances by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. OSU also sponsors OLLI (Osher Lifelong Living Institute) courses in the fall and spring, keeping our minds challenged and active.

In July some of us gathered to bid Anne farewell as she departed for a new venture near her son in upstate New York. Though we miss her lots, her beautiful home was purchased by a couple best described as Super Cohousers. Even before their unpacking was complete, they were participating in meal preparations, trail maintenance, and sharing knowledge from their healthcare backgrounds.





We continue to be grateful for all of you who have supported Oakcreek Cohousing Community with your interest and encouragement over the years. Remember, if your travels will bring you near Stillwater, please schedule a visit. We would arrange to show you around, and brew some coffee or tea.

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