Summer at Oakcreek

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Summer 2026 Newsletter

Nancy Ann will be missed!



Nancy Ann, 2nd from the bottom left, is pictured with the Common House team. She's been a member of that group since she moved here 14 years ago. We celebrated her 90th birthday last December. She's moving to Golden Oaks, a Continuing Care Community, nearby.

Common House Team
Top Left: Bertha, Nadine, Donna, Vickie, Nelda
Bottom Left: Tommie, Nancy Ann, Ghislaine, Nancy Ruth

A 2 bedroom/1 bath home will become available this fall. Information will be forwarded to those on our Interested List in mid August.

Thinking of Moving Here?

We recommend you come visit! There are a variety of opportunities. If you live nearby, you are welcome to join us for Happy Hour (Thursdays 5-6 pm), a Common Meal (6pm, every 5th night), Monthly Meeting (2nd Sunday, 5:15 pm), Morning Coffee (Mondays, 10 am) or a Tour (anytime, just call in advance).

Staying Overnight is an Option




You have your choice of a Queen bedroom with en suite bath, or two twins with a bathroom next door. That way, you can join us for any or all of the events listed above.

Summer is a Flower Fest!












Community Activities

Great work!

Thanks to Mike and Steve for assembling our new outdoor sofa. They



deserved that frosty beverage after hours of work in the summer heat! (And yet somehow those two always manage to look ***cool*** :-)



Always learning ... and listening

In the late spring our annual community development workshop focused on our values and possible ways we can improve our communications and procedures. What resulted was a later 'refresher course' on how consensus decision-making works.



During the workshops (and many other group activities) we've also been enjoying the use of our new microphone and speaker system in the meeting/dining room of the common house. Besides aiding those of us with hearing challenges, it also has the



benefit of limiting chatter while the person with the microphone is speaking.

Crafty Fun!

Audrey & Mike have learned numerous crafts over the years, and recently Audrey taught several of us how to create mosaic art stepping stones from broken ceramic dishware. Some of our first attempts are pictured below, and her more expert kitchen backsplash is at the bottom. Bellissimo!







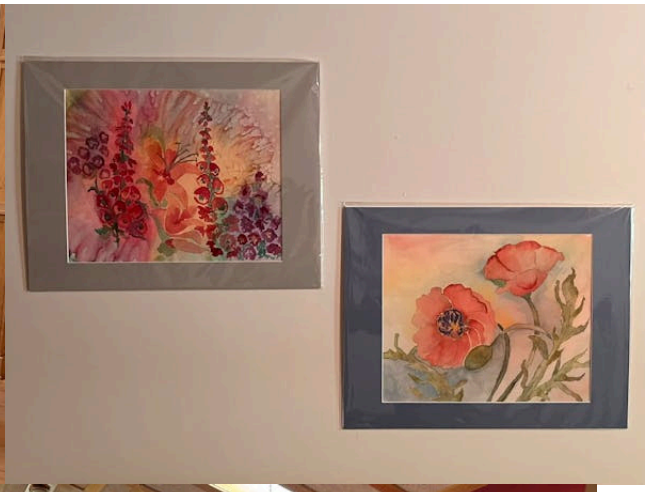




Art Gallery / Camera Club

We use one of the original bedrooms in our Common House (a single-family house built in 1965) as our gym. To make the space multi-functional and cheerier, members recently started using the room as a mini gallery, featuring art created by our residents and/or photos from our camera club. The plan is to rotate exhibits quarterly, and we have an 'upgraded' happy hour at the beginning of each exhibit to learn from the artists about their work. The first two exhibits featured artwork by Tommie, followed by photos from Chuck. We enjoy celebrating the talent at Oakcreek!









The theme for this Camera Club display (below) was "the last photo on your camera roll." Suffice it to say, the submissions were understandably varied :-)



Oakcreekers on the Go!

Bob R. is often on the go for one of his passions, engaging with indigenous youth at various colleges in the U.S. and Canada about the environment. The photos below are from his most recent trip, to the shores of the Arctic Ocean in Alaska.





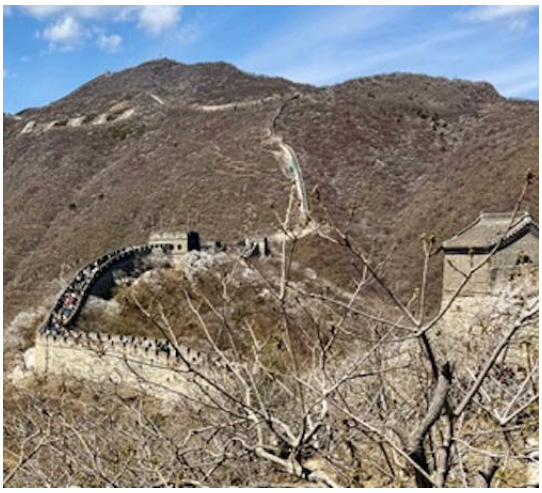
Pat and Steve do annual trips to Scotland to visit their daughter there. Daughter Ann and Pat are pictured below left in the Colinton Tunnel, Scotland's largest

heritage mural, a community project for which Ann verified the historical details. Meanwhile, Steve has apparently discovered the famous Loch Ness monster!





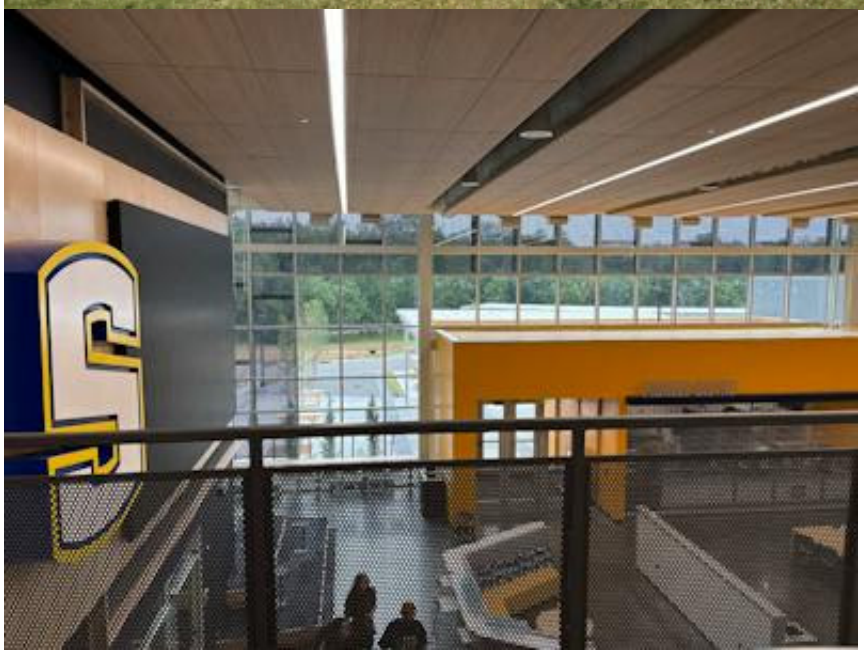
Hilary (in the middle below right) has traveled much of the world, and earlier took her first visit to China. Having studied Chinese history for her undergraduate degree, this trip fulfilled a long-held goal.





Oklahoma is OK, but...
Stillwater is Stellar!





Funded by a $195 million bond, the new high school had a public open house in August prior to classes starting. As the school is a neighbor of Oakcreek (we're on the other side of the woods in the photo to the left), many Oakcreekers enjoyed the tour. A special treat of living here is hearing the HS marching band doing their morning practice :-)

OKLAHOMA is *more* than OK!

The Main Street of America

The Mother Road

The Will Rogers Highway





Did you know....

... Route 66 celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026?
... Oklahoma has more driveable miles (400+) of Route 66 than any other state?
... Celebrations and events of all sorts are planned throughout the year?
For more info, check out sites such as route66centennial.org and travelok.com/route-66-centennial.

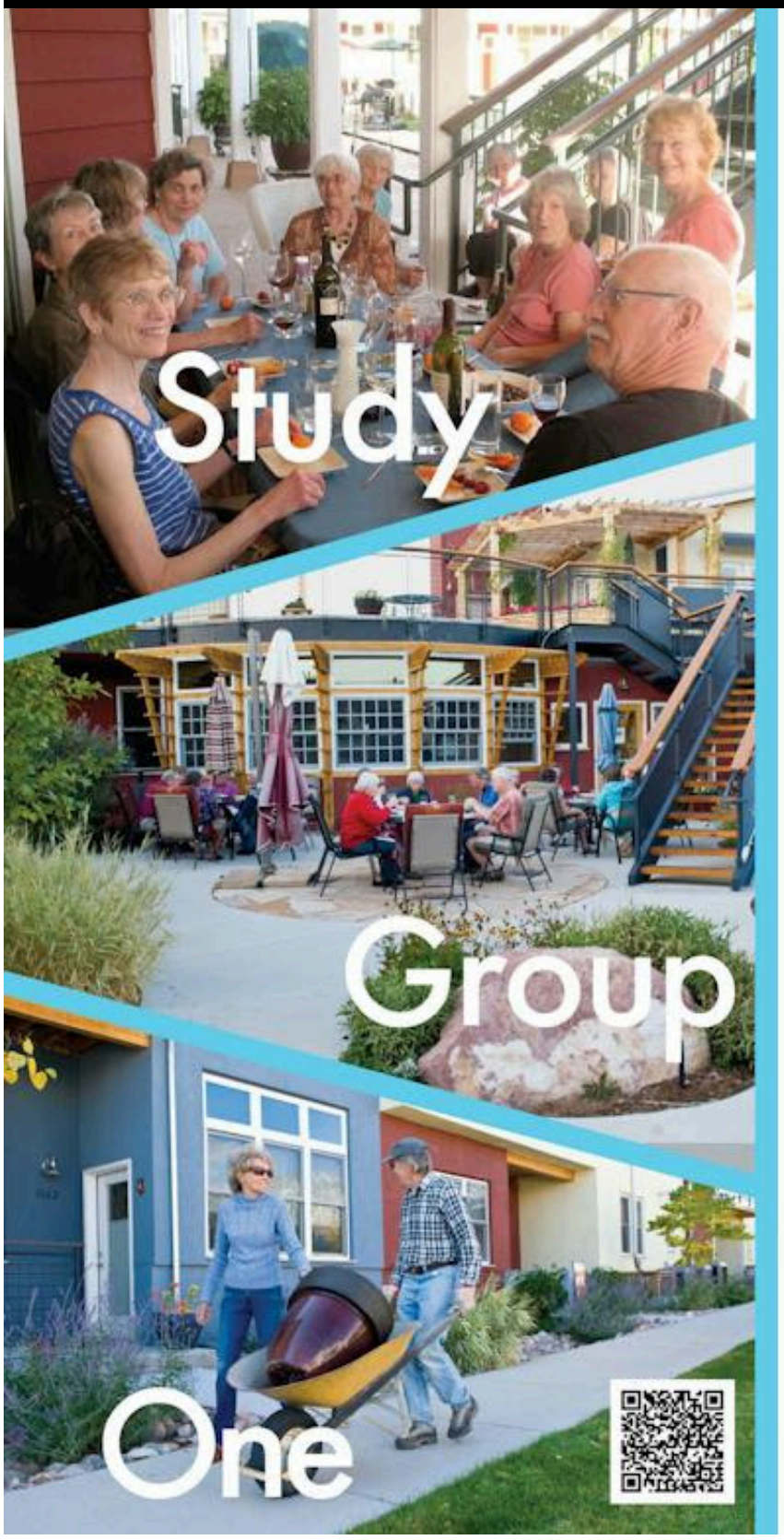
As the song says ...

Get your kicks on Route 66!

An Invitation from Charles Durrett, AIA

Renowned cohousing architect Charles "Chuck" Durrett (who was the architect for Oakcreek and numerous other cohousing communities) has asked that we

forward information about his next planned workshop known as Study Group One. Resident and founder Pat D. took this class back in 2009 and the result was the opening of Oakcreek in 2012. Whether you think you might want to get a community built, or just want to learn more about whether senior cohousing is right for you, this class is an invaluable resource.



STUDY GROUP 1

SG1

AGING SUCCESSFULLY

Online Facilitator Training

REGISTER TODAY

Early Bird till Sept 30: $450
Regular Price: $550

Wednesdays, Oct 7–Dec 9, 2026
9:30am–12:30pm PDT (3 hours)

- Become a facilitator in empowering seniors to age in the right place successfully—and making it the right place—so they are thriving in place, not just surviving in place.
- Learn effective tools that will enhance your current profession or help you start on a new path!
- Discover and be able to share the advantages of community.
- Learn how to start a new affordable senior cohousing, as well as understand the economics of senior living choices and take charge of co-care, co-healing, and much more!
- In Denmark, if you were to ask 100 seniors on the street, "would you move to senior cohousing?" maybe one will say yes. But if you ask 100 people who have taken Study Group One, about 40 will say yes.
- See Chapter 7 of The Senior Cohousing Handbook: A Community Approach to Independent Living (available at your local library or bookstores or directly from New Society Publisher) for the full description of the workshop. The book is required reading for the seminar.

More Information Here:
https://www.cohousingco.com/products/p/sg1

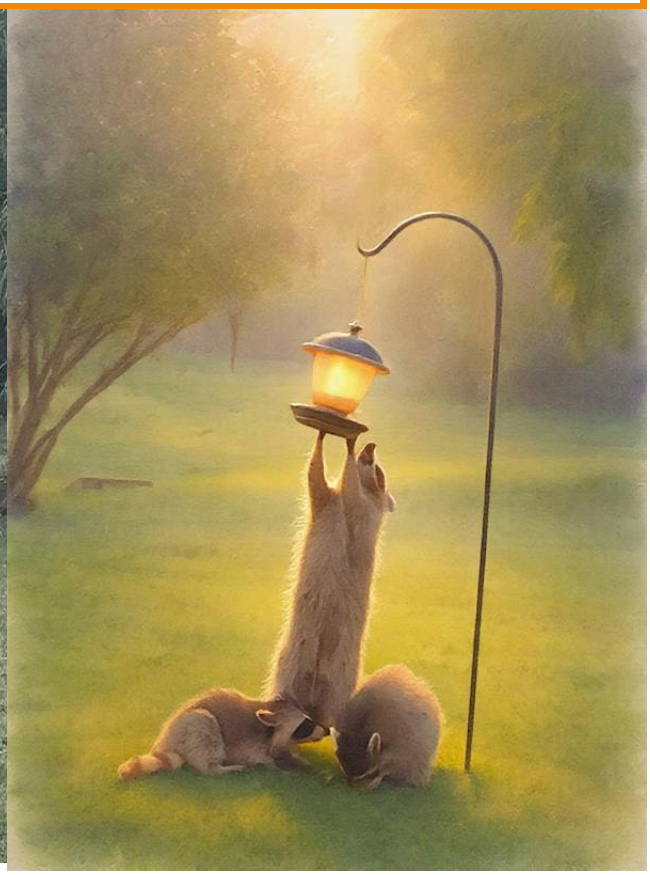
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And lastly...



Raccoons in the wild: trash pandas, buffet burglars, scavenger kings, etc.



Raccoons thanks to AI: Disney darlings!

~ COME VISIT ~

As always, Oakcreek would love to have you visit. Just contact us to schedule a time. If you have an interest in hearing more about Oakcreek and cohousing in general, please ask to be placed on our Interested List. You will receive more detailed information about life at Oakcreek, and will be among the first to hear about available homes. If you're already receiving Interested List mailings, there's no need to re-list yourself.

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