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Tombstones at Chagrin Falls, Ohio cemetery, dated turn of the 20th century
(I wanted to visit cemeteries to start a collection of epitaphs...very hard to find.)



New grandkitty named Luna who was adopted the day I left Ohio on my 2nd trip to Ohio this summer. She's a real cutie and eats all the time!



Roux, the first cat to join the family in Ohio



Youngest grandson Cole and Luna



Luna napping on Cole's bed--he has a beach-themed bedroom. I was reading while she napped. I just LOVE her! Kristen and I visited the Humane Society a couple of times and chose her, a 3-year-old who came from an animal hoarder's home. So glad she was rescued to have a charmed life from now on!



Sassy girl took my seat on the massage cushion!



Shayne in the basement on the "gaming" computer



Shopping center where Trader Joe's is located--gorgeous plantings!



Entrance to Trader Joe's



Kiki "Kikums," the midnight cat!



Cameron's first football game at home stadium behind the middle school--he's a drummer, August 27. The flag team precedes the band in full uniform as they march into the stadium and perform during pre-game and half-time. Cam's high school won the game. It was a perfect 72-degree evening.



There's Cameron raising his drumsticks at the 45-yard line.



Cam in the middle with the small drum.



Ohio trees!



Amish builders build with real craftsmanship.



Cameron celebrates his 15th birthday with a "Mom hug."



Party time at the neighbors' home! Dad Chris in Aloha shirt with Cameron, Shayne, and Kristen. Glad Kristen had some good days without neuropathy pain. There was good Italian food at the party and desserts galore!



A revolutionary war grave in Chagrin Falls, Ohio



Chagrin Falls Bakery



Sharon's herb garden project for Kristen's birthday, which completed the meditation rock garden project started in June at the other end of the fence. Cameron helped to lay out the stepping stones with his Nana, and Shayne helped to unload some good planting mix into the circular area. Cameron and I went to the stoneyard to pick out the flagstones.



Glad I finished the entire project over the summer. Kristen might plant a Japanese Maple tree in the circular bed next year or else add a tall garden ornament to the center of the bed. For now, it's her herb garden. This photo was taken in mid-summer, so the herbs grew quite tall by the end of August. The tall bushes along the fence were in full bloom (Black-eyed Susans) in August. Kristen will plant some fall flowers in front of the circular stones to get the yard ready for her dad and brother in October.



Here's the "Meditation Rock Garden" that I created for the family. The metal firepit is visible at the bottom right corner that rests in the "lake." I started the dry streambed at the back corner of the fence, as though the stream flowed from under the fence. Worked with the existing Hosta plants and taller evergreens but added some perennials and smaller beds along the streambed. Kristen added a concrete pagoda and a concrete Buddha statue on a big rock to make it appear like a real meditation garden.



An outing to Chagrin Falls



Nana and Cole



Cameron's 15th Birthday



Brothers on Cam's 15th birthday, June 26



Future vet, computer game tester or graphic design whiz, and plastic surgeon. That is, those careers are in the grandsons' sights, as of now. I hope Cameron fulfills his dream by the time his Nana and mom yell out, "Help!" Cole changed his goal from a chef to a vet, which makes Jack and me so glad, being the animal lovers that we are!



Cole and Kristen wait for those delicious Fern Cakes at the Hudson Farmer's Market, first thing on Saturday morning! The town of Hudson is great, with wonderful street shops. I call it a Norman Rockwell town with wonderful old homes and architecture like the building in the background.



June 26, Cam's birthday party