

# REFLECTIONS

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## Voted Number One - Again!

The honey-lime marinated chicken skewers prepared here by Chef Madelyn Turner took first-place honors in the appetizers division at the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce *Taste of Worthington* event in June. Willow Brook Christian Home has won the competition four of the last six years, proving once again that people who live at Willow Brook do indeed eat very, very well.



Warren Buffett is my favorite obscenely-rich American. With a net worth of \$50 billion, he rarely steps in front of a television camera

without blabbing the uncomfortable truth that his federal tax rate is a small fraction of his secretary's, his housekeeper's, and probably yours.

This summer he wrote an opinion piece for the *New York Times* where he flat-out declared that Congress coddles the rich. How, he asks, can our elected representatives in clear conscience cut his taxes while pulling funds from food banks and free clinics?

I thought the talking heads on Fox were going to explode as they jumped into overdrive in their attempts to discredit the benevolent billionaire. After all, this guy's an insider who's blowing the cover on the game.

Thank you, Mr. Buffett, for stepping forward to proclaim a truth.

Tax cuts or not, ministries for the poor are under assault across this nation. For proof, look no further than right here at Willow Brook. Ohio's budget for the next two years kicked in this summer, and the news is not good for the poor we are striving to serve. We anticipate losing half a million dollars in Medicaid payments in our two nursing homes for the care we give 38 people who are out of money.

In addition, we are braced to lose several hundred thousand more from anticipated cuts in Medicare that will take effect this fall.

Other nursing homes also are suffering big hits, and I fear that some may close. Others likely will stop serving destitute patients altogether, in effect cutting the oldest and poorest among us "out of the system."

How tragic! Where will they go? What will they do?



We've always run our nursing homes above state standards, even with the knowledge that Medicaid would not cover 100 percent of the costs. Our buildings

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## Who Speaks for the Poor?

by Larry Harris, CEO

are nicer than Medicaid pays for. We hire more housekeepers than the minimum – that's why our nursing homes don't stink. In

our culinary and nursing departments, we have always delivered above baseline standards, knowing that some of the costs would not be covered. Those were conscious choices we were happy to make.

But the cuts imposed now are beyond any shortfall we have ever experienced. This is serious business.

Yet these cuts are no surprise. Our Statehouse politicians are simply delivering what Ohioans voted for. And given the miserly mood that is sweeping both The Statehouse and Congress, I fear that these cuts are only a down payment on additional pain to come.

Things don't have to be this way. Budgets are about choices. They are moral documents that reflect values, so let's listen to what they are telling us: Millionaires and billionaires

are dished phenomenal tax cuts; rich corporations legally move operations offshore to a post office box in Bermuda or the Caymans to dodge billions in U.S. taxes; our wretched wars have run up a tab now tallied in the multi-trillions (to say nothing of the precious lives lost – American, Afghan, and Iraqi).

Yet ministries for our most vulnerable citizens are being de-funded willy-nilly. There, my friend, is the CliffsNotes version of our values.

So who speaks for the poor? Who will tell their stories? Who will rise up to champion their cause, cry with them in their hour of need, and see that basic human dignity is preserved for them? And, taking cues from the Wall Street crowd and military contractors, who will amass the millions of dirty dollars on behalf of our poor to curry favor with politicians?

I fear that dark days lie ahead for America's down and out. I can speak with authority and conviction about the cuts imposed upon nursing homes. It is bad, bad news, which leads me to offer you a simple word of advice: Don't allow yourself to become old, sick, and poor at the same time. You may be less than pleased with your options.



Residents and staff from all three of Willow Brook's campuses gathered at Willow Brook at Delaware Run last month for the first-ever Willow Brook Olympic Extravaganza!

Nearly 170 resident athletes participated in 15 events ranging from casting contests on the pond, free-throw shooting, a home run derby, shuffleboard, putting and chipping, billiards, and ping-pong, to remote control car racing.

Extravaganza was for everyone, from independent athletes to folks who needed wheelchairs and scooters to get around. All had many opportunities to compete.

"The enthusiasm and team effort from all the campuses was fun for everybody," said event organizer Jim Bartha. "At the very beginning Lora Detlor at Willow Brook Christian Home announced her team would be the Red Warriors. Willow Brook Christian Village representatives named themselves the Green Geckos, and they were quickly joined by the Delaware Run Yellow Jackets." They all wore their colors with pride.

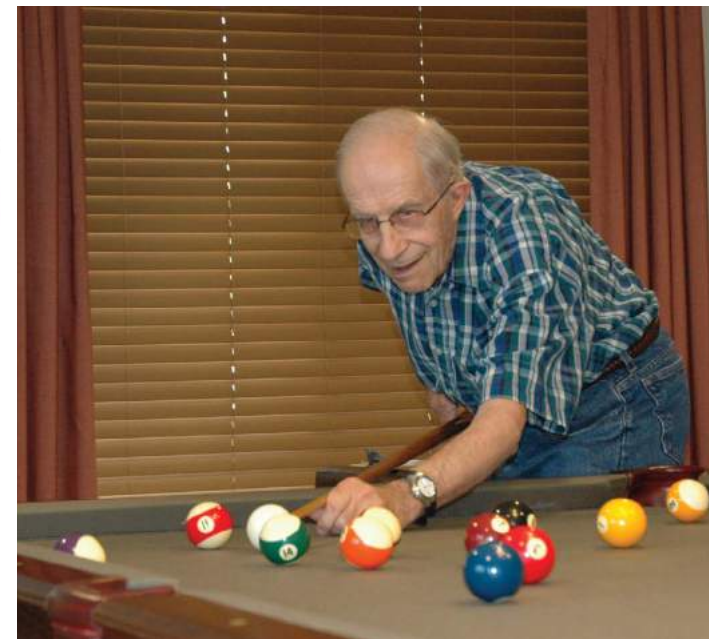
Village resident Tom Ebbert designed the logo and worked with Bartha to create posters and flyers to promote the event.

Chef Marc Dullin arrived at 4 a.m. to put a couple of hogs on the spit, and they roasted over the wood fire for hours in preparation for the pig roast at the end of the day.

The event was such a success that planning has already begun for Extravaganza II in 2012.



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Ed Denta, one of the dozen participants in the 8-ball competition.



Delaware Run Bocce competitors Jim Roesch and Charlie Hall, sporting yellow shirts, the official Delaware Run color of the day.



Tabletop shuffleboarders from Willow Brook Christian Home, in Worthington, named themselves winners in the tabletop division of the shuffleboard competition.



*In our Neighborhood . . .*

## Janet Yoder brings International Perspective

The minute you walk into Janet Yoder's home at Willow Brook Christian Village, you know you're visiting someone who has been around. Home furnishings hint of time spent around the globe. Janet's late husband,



Amos, was a university professor, foreign service officer, and author.

"We moved to Thailand in 1956," she says. "and I went through culture shock." Subsequent assignments brought rich opportunities for the entire family.

In Israel, a young Ariel Sharon, the future prime minister of Israel, introduced her to what he called "my Israel." She remembers him for his love of Coca Cola and their trips to Haifa, the Sea of Galilee, and the desert. "He was a sweet, simple, smiling, and sophisticated man," she said.

While in Israel she led in the formation of a school for English-speaking children.

After the foreign service, Amos taught foreign policy and international relations at the University of Idaho. Having many interests, Janet developed a series

of adult education courses that she knew she would enjoy, and the university created a director of continuing education position, which she held for 15 years.

The Yoders moved to central Ohio to be near their daughter and the universities in the area. Amos continued to lecture, leading the family to Hungary for six months and to Beijing and Shanghai after Chairman Mao was gone.

Wanting to be close to friends in Delaware after Amos passed away, Janet moved to Willow Brook Christian Village in 2001.

"I came in large part for the intellectual stimulation," she explains. "While I *like* bridge, my friends *love* it and are very good at it. I'm not that good, and I need something more in my life."

True to form, she set about creating a learning opportunity for herself

and others, just as she had in Israel and Idaho.

In 2006, she established at Willow Brook Christian Village a lecture series that covers such diverse subject areas as Mexican immigration and American operetta, roses, youth in Delaware city politics, and growing up in Africa.

She is also a member of the planning committee for Delaware's "Great Decisions" foreign affairs lecture series.

For all she has accomplished, Janet quickly points out that family was most important. "Those months in foreign posts brought us close together; we still are," she says, picking up a photo of her four-generation family taken last summer.

They, and we, are thankful that Janet has spent her lifetime continuously seeking ways to learn more.

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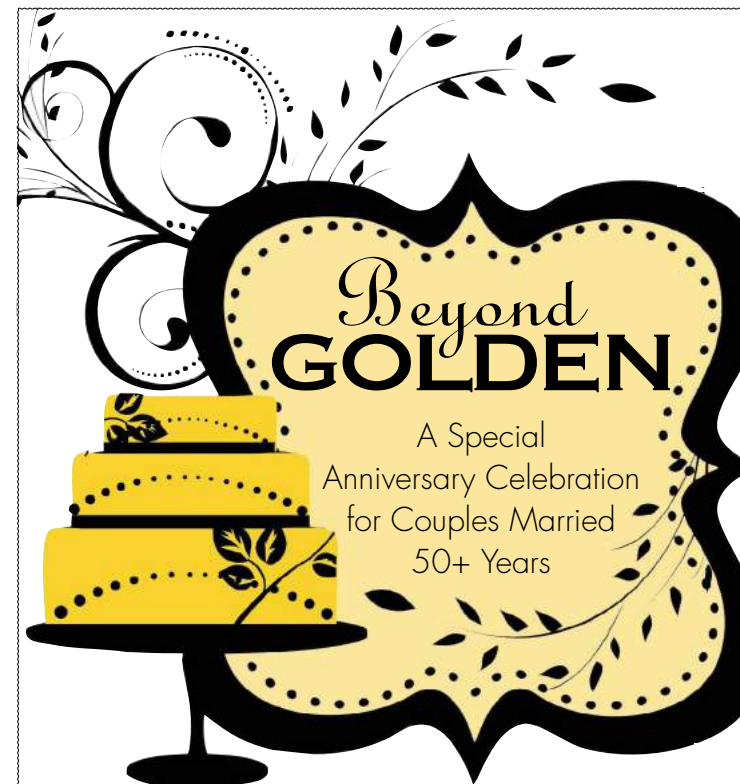
*A new feature has been added to the culinary services at Delaware Run: the chef's table. Once a month a foursome is invited to dine in the kitchen and watch meal preparations first-hand. Cal and Dottie Knight and Bill and Jean Baskwill, above, were the August "kitchen tourists."*



**Raise High the Roof Beams** – The roof trusses were set in place on September 1, meaning the new "G-wing" enclosing the Village Square at Delaware Run is on track to be fully enclosed before the cold weather arrives. All but one of the 22 apartments in G-wing have been spoken for.

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*Luke 6:35*

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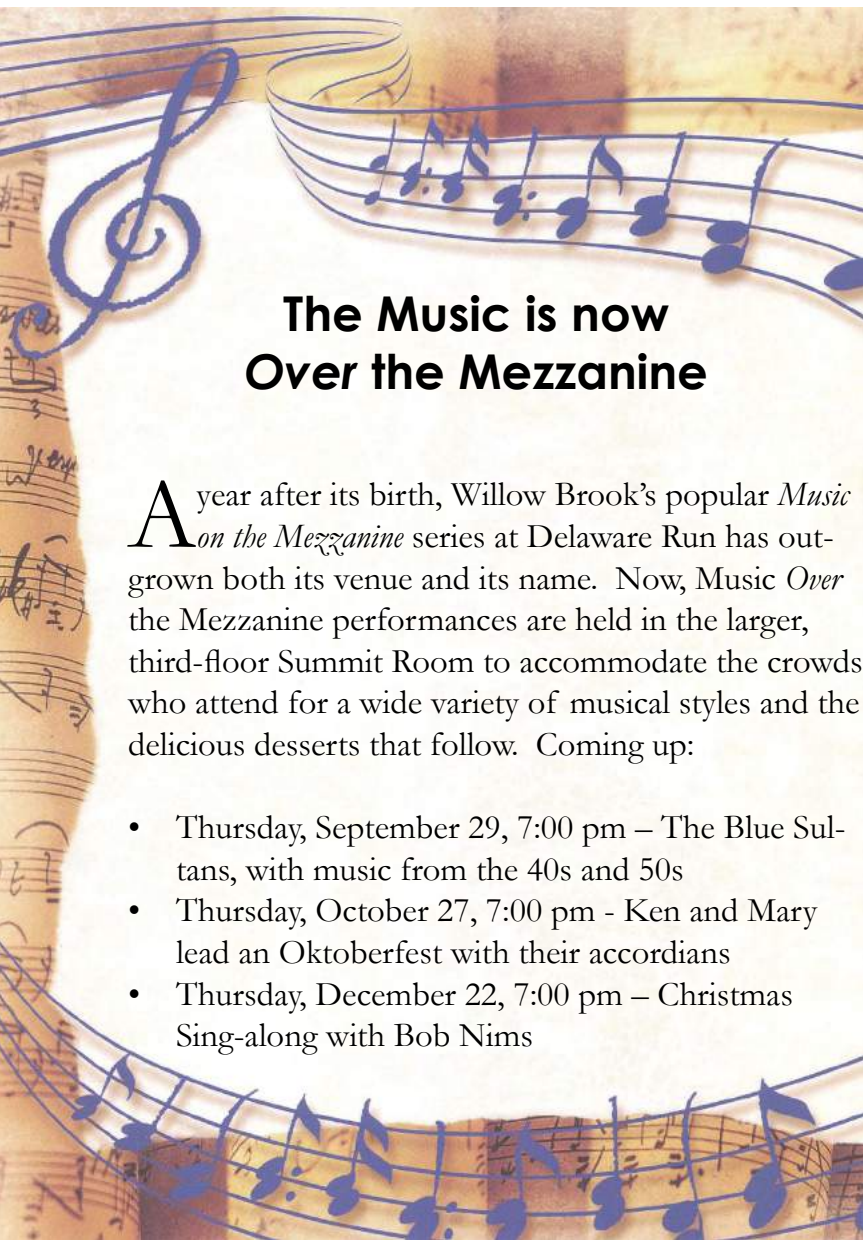
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The Delaware band "The 8th Wonder" played to a standing-room-only crowd at a summer Music on the Mezzanine performance.



## The Music is now Over the Mezzanine

A year after its birth, Willow Brook's popular *Music on the Mezzanine* series at Delaware Run has outgrown both its venue and its name. Now, *Music Over the Mezzanine* performances are held in the larger, third-floor Summit Room to accommodate the crowds who attend for a wide variety of musical styles and the delicious desserts that follow. Coming up:

- Thursday, September 29, 7:00 pm – The Blue Sultans, with music from the 40s and 50s
- Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm - Ken and Mary lead an Oktoberfest with their accordians
- Thursday, December 22, 7:00 pm – Christmas Sing-along with Bob Nims



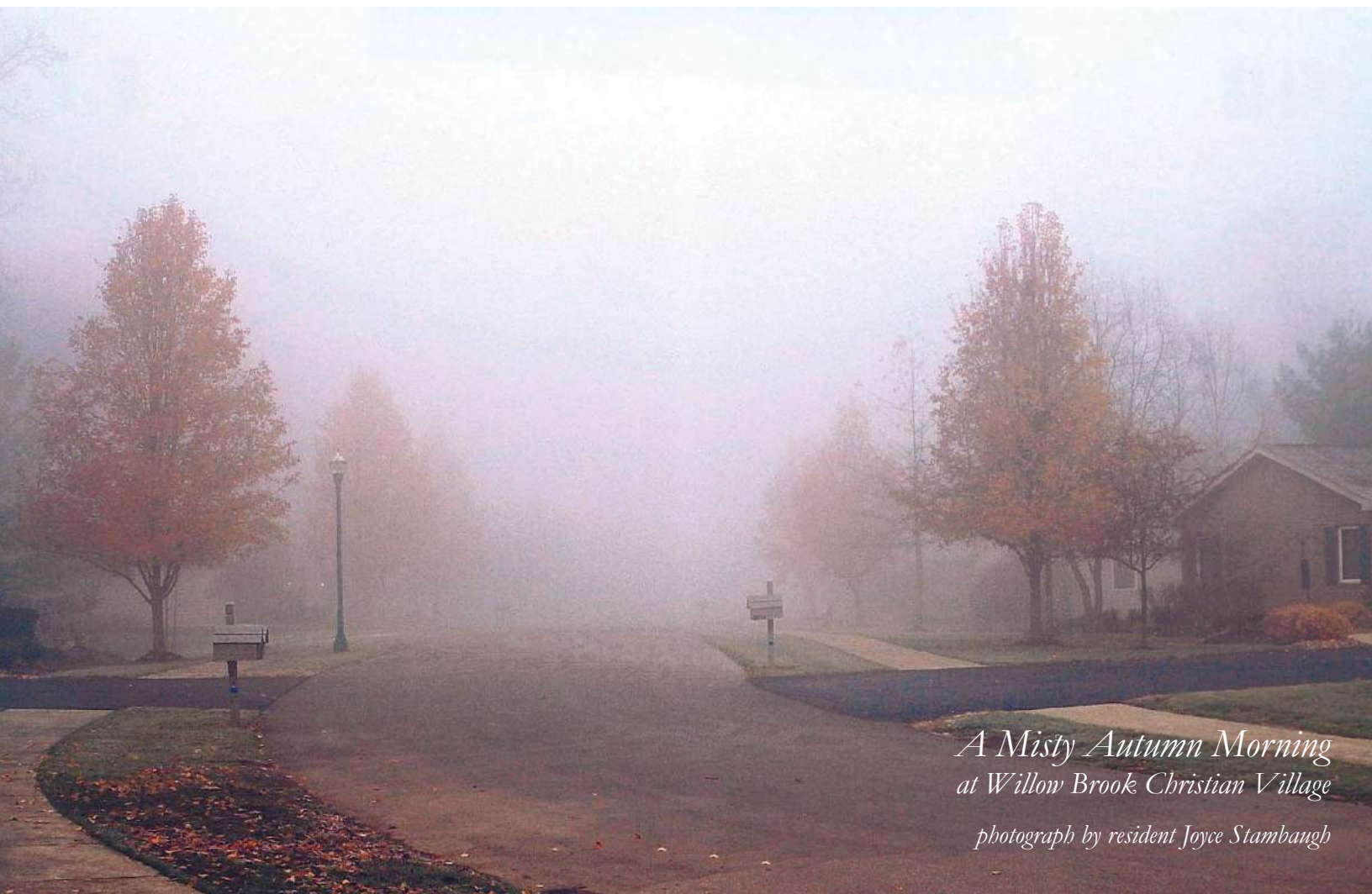


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