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Delaware Run Expansion Underway

The concrete slabs that will become the ceiling of the first floor and base of the second floor on Willow Brook at Delaware Run's "G-wing" addition were put in place at the end of June. Construction will end and neighbors will move into 22 new apartments shortly after the first of the year.

My family and I are grieving the murder of Huxley Harris. He was killed dead the night of April the 8th on our kitchen floor, right in front of the refrigerator. Huxley was a little house mouse that had lived with us since our cat Cheerios brought him in as a trophy catch last fall, just as cold weather was setting in.

Our pampered tabby (the color of – you guessed it – a bowl of Cheerios) would have snuffed him right then and there if daughter Becky hadn't quickly and, let us say, forcefully persuaded him to release the squirming rodent from the clutch of his jaws. The panic-stricken little guy fled for refuge under our family room sofa, but he soon set up housekeeping behind a stereo speaker high up on a shelf, far removed from the cat's sovereign domain. To reach his lofty hideout, Huxley would scale the sheer face of our brick fireplace in the manner of Spider-Man. We came to sincerely admire his agility and ingenuity.

We never would have set a trap and killed our little guest. And we didn't want to catch him in a live trap and banish him to a freezing backyard exile. So we decided to allow him to make his home with us until spring.

In the evening we would leave out some little mouse snacks –

maybe a Cheez-It or a cookie piece. He loved grapes. And we



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by Larry Harris, CEO

kept out fresh water for him in a shallow jar lid.

In exchange for his keep, he would entertain us with his feats. One time he stole a half-eaten chocolate Easter bunny. It was bigger than he was. He had to have lugged it off someplace, but we never did figure out where, or how he did it. There's no way he could have consumed it right there in place, at a single sitting. That would have involved even more divine intervention than the heavenly help he surely must have received to move it.

Huxley didn't realize it, but he had won the mouse lottery. Most any other family would have left him to the cat last October, or employed a spring trap to dispense with him in a snap of violence. Instead, he found a warm welcome with a family that eagerly looked forward to occasional mouse sightings.

As warm weather drew near, we were making plans to capture him and set him loose out back when Cheerios followed through with his original design for Huxley. He cornered the mouse in the kitchen as we were sleeping and did him in. We found his corpse the next morning. Cheerios didn't even make a meal of him. He killed him

for sport, which only deepened our sorrow.

Our little Huxley never was much trouble. He chewed up a couple of books and some Christmas napkins. Big deal. And we didn't play the stereo for six months. Didn't want to traumatize our pint-sized friend in his bed with thunderous bass from my Luther Vandross CDs.

He left some chocolate sprinkles around, as mice are prone to do. But when Huxley would go a few days without revealing himself, his little calling cards were welcome evidence that he was well.

Sorry, Huxley. We tried our best, but at the end of the day our hearts were no match for Cheerios' cunning. Like all creatures, the little rodent just wanted to live. Janet and I worked hard to protect him and see him through to spring. In fact, as a matter of personal principle, we don't kill any living thing we don't have to – not a spider, not an ant, not a mouse. If I had to kill the meat I eat, I would be a vegetarian. Go ahead, label me a hypocrite, for I surely dine on plenty of chickens and cows and pigs. But I don't participate directly in their sufferings and death. In my compartmentalized human brain, that provides adequate accommodation for my carnivorous tendencies.

I buried Huxley beneath the barren mulch at the side of our house. Now purple cone flowers populate his resting place. A heart-shaped garden stone marks the grave, and will long be a reminder of the little mouse that was ours for a season.

Dublin-Powell Church of Christ Members Establish Fund to Aid Retired Ministers

Church of Christ ministers who would like to live at Willow Brook during their retirement years may now find some financial assistance, thanks to soft drinks, brats, and members of the Dublin-Powell church.

For the past two years, Dublin-Powell church members have raised funds by volunteering at a concession trailer before Ohio State football games. Their earnings, which now exceed \$7,000, are the kick-off funding for the Church of Christ Ministers' Benevolent Fund of the Willow Brook Foundation.

According to Dr. Roger Pickens, leader of the volunteers who staff the booth every home game during the football season, "A lot of our ministers have made financial sacrifices to serve, and we have seen the need. We believe other churches in the area will want to help too.

"We have found a fun and relatively simple way to raise significant dollars in just two years. It's exciting to imagine what could happen if more



Volunteers from the Dublin-Powell Church of Christ received a proclamation from the Willow Brook board of trustees in appreciation of their establishing the fund to aid retired ministers. Roger Pickens, DDS, (holding the proclamation) accepts on behalf of the church from Carl Ward (in red shirt), vice president of Willow Brook's board of trustees.



Minister Bryant Myers, Willow Brook board member Phil Barth, and other members of the Dublin-Powell Church of Christ spend a few hours every football Saturday outside the stadium at The Ohio State University selling refreshments and raising funds to enable retired ministers to spend their retirement years in a community supported by their church.

churches get involved."

Pickens says the Dublin-Powell group would be happy to guide others through the process and even provide an experienced volunteer to help out during the first game of the season. He can be reached at

614-889-6642, or 614-873-4413.

Opportunities for groups to raise funds for the ministers are not limited to football games. Contact the department of development at Willow Brook for a list of suggestions.

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Gifts were also made to Honor:

All Mothers in Willow Brook
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Nearly 150 people attended a spring reception to honor Willow Brook volunteers. The annual event thanks volunteers for their gifts of time, talent, and love, and was held in the Terrace Room of Willow Brook Christian Village.

One individual or group was selected by each of the three Willow Brook campuses for the Gift of Love Award. This year, the Rainbow Kids received the honors from Willow Brook Christian Village for the smiles, hugs, and consistent visits they make to remind residents of Cherith Care Center how wonderful the affection of a child can be.

Bill Baskwill, a volunteer and resident of Willow Brook at Delaware Run, was honored for providing what CEO Larry Harris has called "a continuous stream of service to the residents on his campus and the others, taking pictures, creating



Bill Baskwill, Willow Brook at Delaware Run

2011 Gifts of Love Award Recipients Named

slide shows, spearheading the offering of new technologies, and creating a Veterans Honor Roll book for each campus."

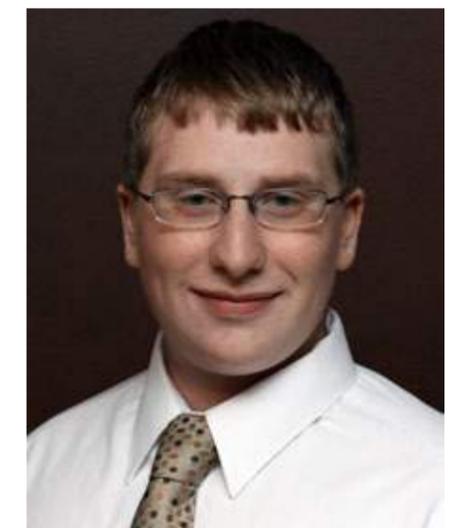
And Bishop Watterson High School junior Ben Natarian was given special thanks for serving



The Rainbow Kids, Willow Brook Christian Village

the residents of Willow Brook Christian Home since he came as part of an eighth-grade service project four years ago. He continues to call bingo twice a month for the residents in Worthington.

Says CEO Larry Harris, "We are grateful for the volunteers who contribute so much to the quality of Willow Brook life, whether they are children bringing smiles to the grandparents among us or residents with generous hearts who go far beyond what anyone could ever ask of them in service to others, they all contribute to the richness of life. We are humbled by their actions and grateful for their gifts of love."



Ben Natarian, Willow Brook Christian Home

Clarification: Chaplain Glenn Carlton is a retired licensed school psychologist with a Ph.D. who specialized in Spiritual Care.

Live Simply

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Give More

2 Corinthians 9:7

Expect Less

Luke 6:35

Senior Sharing Time

A day of inspiration for Seniors

October 11, 2011
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Speakers: Jason Ridgeway
Adam Metz
Bill Hopkins

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at 740-363-0686



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- Assisted living
- Memory care
- Corporate offices
- The Water's Edge Restaurant

Worthington, Ohio

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- Skilled nursing & rehabilitation
- Assisted living
- The Grapevine Grill

Staffers named LeadingAge Stars

Eleven Willow Brook staffers were honored recently as "LeadingAge Stars." LeadingAge Ohio is the state association that represents not-for-profit communities and nursing homes across Ohio. Our winners attended a luncheon with workers from other communities in Central Ohio. They are:

From Willow Brook Christian Village:

Amanda Carnell (nurse aide), Ashley Knapp (nurse), Christine Thompson (housekeeper/

care assistant), Keith Vettters (bus driver, maintenance), and Verdencia Stuckey (day care).

From Willow Brook Christian Home:

Mary Schmidt (culinary services), Mercy Ohenewaah (STNA), Matt Porter (culinary services), and Bea Travis (housekeeper).

From Willow Brook at Delaware Run:

Faith Lackey (culinary services), Zebbie Pettit (housekeeper), Austin Roush (maintenance), and Elise Tietjen, (housekeeper/PCA).

Quilt Exhibition Shows 160 years of Patterns, Color, Fabric, and Craftsmanship

Five dozen quilts, some made before the Civil War, have been on display on the mezzanine of Willow Brook at Delaware Run.

Created by Willow Brook residents and their ancestors, the colorful display features hand-stitched and hand-quilted pieces with traditional patterns and those made with long-arm quilting machines and chemical appliques.

The D Seebode Memorial Quilt Exhibition was named in memory of the show's planner and creator, who passed away just weeks before the exhibition was scheduled to open.

Curator Arlene Shoemaker and volunteers from the quilters group put the display together, gathering pieces from campus quilmakers and others with heirlooms who loaned their treasures for the event.

Crazy quilts, cathedral windows, double wedding bands, fussy cuts, and drunkard's path patterns from mothers and grandmothers are joined by layered and hemmed appliques, twisted bargello, and wholecloth pieces.

Nearly half the quilts are hung on the

railings over Delaware Run's two-story lobby. Smaller versions are on the walls, and the oldest, most fragile are draped over the grand piano and other racks.

The crazy quilt below, created in 1848 by an ancestor of resident Dottie Knight, was made from special cloths, probably garments, some with hand painting, others specially embroidered, and more yet using a variety of fabrics and textures. The quilt contains a spider and its web stitched on for good luck more than a 160 years ago.





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Village resident Joyce
Stambaugh took a picture
of this young deer behind
her home and submitted
it to the Leading Age
Regional Art and Writing
Competition. It won an
award, one of 22 garnered
by Willow Brookers, whose
entries will go on to the
state-wide competition in
September.*

