

Beginning our newsletter, starting today
Christmas Greetings we send your way.
In every store and shopping mall
Holiday tunes and Deck the Halls
Light snowflakes swirling around
Shoppers and carolers abound
The year in review once again
2011 from beginning to end

Cutbacks and layoffs in staffing
Sent Jeremy once again packing
Answering phones & responding to e-mail
For Ann Taylor & The Loft he'll make a sale.
Jeremy babysat a miniature golden lab pup
His friend had to move & give the pup up
In Jeremy's apartment, Matty J's been spied
On Columbus' west side is where they reside
Matty started small and eats like a horse
He is our first 'grandchild', of course!

School, church, art and even more
Robyn's days are filled with activities galore
As chairman of the Youth Art Month Exhibition
She continues to build a statewide art advocacy tradition.
Classes and training, a big paper to write
Put Master Teacher status within her sight
After this achievement she did complete
Being recognized by the school board was her treat
34 years at Logan Elm teaching
Young artists growing with her preaching
Recognition at the school board meeting from the teacher's association
Acknowledged for school district achievements, through her chosen vocation

Kenworth Chillicothe Truck Plant boasts a record year
When overtime is available, Jim volunteers
Working daily on the semi-truck line
Not much new; it's the same old grind
Some health problems creeping in and causing strife
Getting old sure frustrates ones' dedicated work life
Even with that he works conscientiously everyday
Pride in his job he does portray

Our Heidi continues to give us pleasure
The happiness she gives is beyond measure
Mam-Ma and Pap-pa Helsel kept her in July
Heading for vacation we said good-bye
Horseback riding, hiking and cave exploring, too
Everything we did came with a view
A stay at Blackwater Falls State Park
On us the beauty of W. Virginia made its' mark
Then to Short Gap to join the Wolf "pack"
At the annual family reunion we got Heidi back.

2012 is just around the bend
Come December we'll do this all again.
To keep in touch call, write or e-mail
Or connecting with Face Book will not fail
To you and your family we wish you the best
A year filled with happiness is our request.

Jim, Robyn & Jeremy