

**B**eginning 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

**C**utbacks 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

**K**enworth 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

**O**ur 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*