



Notes from the vineyard

Amanda Conkol

It's been a good year, actually, let me rephrase that – it's been a GREAT year! Sure, this year has definitely put up a good fight for us... we've survived some bad economic times, we've dealt with a loss of crop from a late freeze last year, we've dealt with losses of loved ones this year but as I take a look back at the entire year, we have been truly blessed.

I have met some great new wine fanatics, had the chance to visit a number of local wineries this year and -- the best part -- I have had the chance to spend more time with my kids. But before 2010 quietly slips out the door, we want to celebrate one last party with you!

We will be hosting an early New Year's Eve Dinner at the winery on December 31st from 6-9pm. We are really excited about this event as we are keeping everything local for you. A full dinner buffet with chicken, pasta, crab cakes, vegetables and dessert is being catered by The Garden Bistro. As you and your family and friends sit down for dinner, local singing sensation, Steve Vanderink, will be entertaining you with all of your favorites.

But before you leave our place and head to watch the ball drop with friends, family or in the comfort of your own home, we will be sampling our new Ice Style Wine. We will be releasing this wine in 2011 but would like to help you end 2010 with this great sweet wine. Made from Vidal grapes, we froze the grapes and crushed them to get the highest sugar concentrate from the grapes before they thawed. If you have never tried an ice style wine, this is a great opportunity.

Tickets are \$69.99/couple or \$38.99/single, not including tax and gratuity. A full menu is available on our website (www.candlelightwinery.com). Reservations are required with a \$30 non refundable deposit and will be accepted until December 24th. Just call us at the winery or stop by to make your reservation.

Amanda is the Co-Owner of Candlelight Winery located at 11325 Center Street, Garretttsville. For more information on the winery feel free to call us at 330.527.4118 or please visit www.candlelightwinery.com



Puppy Tails

Mialie T. Szymanski

*As the moon goes to bed, the sun comes up
And here we meet a sleepy pup,
Who was walking through G-ville one bright sunny day,
Then saw The Villager and decided to stay.*

A beautiful morning awaited Doodle Dog as he wandered down the main street of town. Chasing leaves had been so much fun, but now he wanted to take his time and see everything there was to see. The crisp air turned just a bit colder which meant winter would soon be here! As Doodle Dog turned the corner from the office, a fluff of icy snow landed on his nose. It melted instantly, but there was more where that came from ~ soon dozens of snowflakes dotted wet spots all over his coat! Doodle Dog jumped after a few that floated down from the sky and scampered after some that managed to escape his paws. The frosty finds were refreshing and soon Doodle Dog was wide awake. Shaking briskly to get dry, he showered water droplets all over the sidewalk and a few nearby trees.

Just up ahead, Doodle Dog noticed several people enjoying the day as well. Many had big, bright packages in their arms, but others were simply strolling along, peering in at the shops every so often. Holiday decorations lined the streets and the storefronts, and it was cloudy enough that the streetlamps and strings of colored lights shone a little brighter. What a perfect day to do some window shopping!

A little girl and her mother were standing in front of a quaint store, looking at the charming window display. The woman had her hand to her ear and was speaking loudly to a tiny little

person Doodle Dog couldn't see, and held her daughter's hand tightly as she spoke. The woman was too tall for Doodle Dog, and too busy to notice him, but the little girl was just the right height and she smiled sweetly when he came over and gently nudged her free hand with his nose. The little girl giggled and waved as Doodle Dog continued on up the path, making sure not to get under the feet of all the other shoppers. He paused at another store, brightly lit from the inside and smelling of gingerbread, and put his front paws up on the ledge to see a little better. A few of Santa's elves posed in front of a small house covered in shreds of snow that didn't melt, with a tiny sleigh full of presents bigger than it was! Doodle Dog looked at the pretty scene in the window and then down the street at all the people hurrying to get home with the giant packages from their Christmas lists. Doodle Dog thought about what HE might want for Christmas and immediately he knew:

Doodle Dog hurried home to the office and asked me to help him write a letter to the North Pole. Not to the Big Guy in Red, though. No, Santa was surely busy getting all the toys for all the little girls and

boys ready. Doodle Dog thought of someone even better:

Dear Santa's Reindeers, he began.

All the reindeer are very smart, especially Rudolph ~ he's the brightest of them all! Doodle Dog knew if anyone could help him with his wish, it would be them. He has everything he needs ~ a warm place to sleep, yummy snacks, and a family who loves him ~ but Doodle Dog thought of all his four-legged friends around the world that may not have the same.

*Dear Santa's Reindeers,
My one wish this Christmas is that all the cats and dogs and other animals will be able to find a warm home and a family to hug them forever, and that they may know, wherever they are, that they are loved. I know it's a big job, but if anyone can help me, you can!*

*Love,
Doodle Dog*



He signed it with an ink paw print and sent it right away ~ Christmas will be here sooner than you think and he needs all the help he can get!



Youth Bowling News

Barb Deakins

Kim Wampler had come close to bowling a 200 game before but never quite made it. When she did hit the 200 mark, however, she hit it with force. A 234 game. Kim called her grandfather right after the game; any readers who follow area bowling know her grandfather, Nick Butcher, a legend in the local bowling arena. Kim's teammate Jessica Potteiger had a 210 game on the day, and had by far the highest series of the day with 552. Kim and Jess are both eighth-graders at Garfield.

Noah Shannon proved that his new bowling ball was a good investment – Noah had games of 145, 158, and 169, for a 472 series, 94 pins over his series average. Other good games in the 11:00 Trio League were Kurt Bokesch, 169 (57 pins over average), Austin Sledz, 101 (45 pins over), and Belladonna Titschinger, 117 (41 pins over), Jaret Doraski, 164 (31 pins over), and Shannon Kerr, 124 (30 pins over).

In the 9:00 Trio League, Alex Evans shot 126 her first game, 56 pins over her average. She continued with games of 74 and 97 for a 297 series, which put her 87 pins over for the day. Eric Lawless also bowled over average all three games with 90, 98, and 124 for a nice

312 series. Ashleigh Quiggle's 138 game was 39 pins over average, and Cassie Painley was 30 pins over her 83 average with a 113 game.

High game for the 9:00 Pee Wee League was Travis Horner with 103. Paige Collins hit the 100 mark again this week with a 100 game. Mackenzie Zembower shot 98, Isaac Trickett had 96, and Kalen Caris had 95.

In the 11:00 PeeWee League, high games was Lucas Muncy with a nice 104 game. Other good games were Katie Fazi, 95 and Kenny Mangan with 91.

Next Saturday is the last day to qualify for the Pepsi tournament. Bowlers must be present in order to qualify; no pre-bowl scores count toward Pepsi qualifying.

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