LIFESTYLES

Singing Angels concert

The Singing Angels will perform a holiday concert in North Ridgeville Dec. 27 at St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Road. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., and the show begins at 3 p.m. The performance, which is free and open to the public, is presented by the North Ridgeville Seniors Inc. and St. Julie Billiart Church. In addition to the concert, a Chinese Auction will be held for gift baskets donated by First Federal of Lakewood; proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Raffletickets will be sold at the concert, with the drawing to be held during intermission.

New Year's Eve free dinner

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Road in North Ridgeville, will host a free New Year's Eve dinner. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 327-1978 with any questions.

New Year's dinner/dance

VFW Post 9871, 6805 Lear Nagle Road in North Ridgeville, will host a New Year's dinner/dance from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dec. 31 Music will be provided by Ball and Chain, and there will be a cash bar. The public is welcome. To attend, call 327-4068 or stop at the post to buy tickets. Cost per ticket is \$12.50 and includes a meal of pork, sauerkraut and other items.

Blood drive

The North Ridgeville Education Center and Lear North Elementary School participate in the American Red Cross Pint-Size Hero program. As part of the program, these schools will sponsor a blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. Jan. 5 in the North Ridgeville Education Center Community Room. To schedule an appointment, go to www.givelife.org and enter Zip Code 44039. Scroll down to find the North Ridgeville event. Blood

donors may also call (800) GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) to register.

2010 dog calendar

The 2010 North Ridgeville dog calendar is available for \$10. Calendars feature local canine residents in each monthly scene. All proceeds go towards the proposed new dog park in North Ridgeville. Calendars may be purchased at The Grateful Dog Bakery, 31966 Center Ridge Road, or at the Parks and Recreation office, 7327 Avon Belden Road.

Bicentennial poster

A limited edition poster celebrating North Ridgeville's 2010 bicentennial is available for a \$5 donation, with all proceeds to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care. The 8.5-inch by 14-inch poster may be viewed at www.spectralight.com/poster and features Sandy Ridge Reservation, Bettcher Convocation Center, Olde Towne Hall Theatre, North Ridgeville water tower, North Ridgeville Library and South Central Park. Photographer Mark Madere's goal is to raise \$5,000. Posters may be purchased at North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau, 34845 Lorain Road; Worcester's, 34200 Lorain Road; North Ridgeville Church of God, 6000 Lear Nagle Road; Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road; and at North Ridgeville Community Care, 34015 Center Ridge Road.

Community groups needed

To make North Ridgeville's once-in-a-century Bicentennial celebration rich and memorable next spring, the Historical Society will soon need the help of many community groups. To

schedule a Bicentennial visit for early 2010, send an e-mail to ridgehistoryguy@oh.rr.com or call 327-5998. Historical Society members will share some stories and suggest options and activities, small and large, in which groups may become involved.

Old Town Hall replica

The North Ridgeville Historical Society has for sale Cat's Meow replicas of Old Town Hall. Cat's Meow is a Woosterbased company that makes wooden replicas of historical places and buildings. This piece measures 5 inches by 7 inches and is available for \$20 at North Ridgeville City Hall, Buescher's Hardware, North Ridgeville Dairy Queen, Mould's Garden Center, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and from any member of the North Ridgeville Historical Society. All proceeds benefit the historical society.

Alumni Hall of Fame nominations

The North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee is accepting nominations for its 23rd annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame induction. Nominees must be graduates of North Ridgeville High School a minimum of five years. Nominations should include: alumnus name, current address, graduation year from the North Ridgeville school system, age, occupation and biographical information. The nomination must also include the nominator's name, address and phone number. Nominations should be sent to: Patricia Bahr, Principal, North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville 44039. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 25.