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## Village council suspends Zawacki

Mayor says councilman skips meetings

By MERIAH WILLIAMS  
LOGAN DAILY NEWS

LAURELVILLE — Following months of boasting two empty seats at their meetings, members of the Laurelville Village Council accepted, "with regret," the resignation of fellow council member Brent Ebert, Monday. Ebert has been absent due to illness.

Also, following the guidance of village solicitor Mike Hess, members then moved to suspend the seat of Chuck Zawacki.

The two had missed several meetings during the past year, and the remaining council members tried to decide what steps could be taken to remedy the situation.

According to Mayor Jason Hettinger, Ebert has been ill, but Zawacki "just doesn't come to meetings."

"I make a motion to vote for suspension of Chuck Zawacki's council seat, with a hearing to be set for a special council meeting, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.," Colleen Rife said.

Members instructed council clerk Darcy Tisdale to send out a certified letter to Zawacki, informing him of the council's actions and the upcoming hearing.

Council then voted to appoint Terry Martin, the only person who showed interest in the position, to

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ZAWACKI

## WINTER WEATHER TURNS EXTREME



Troy and Leah Dawn Scott escort their son, James, home from Atwater Elementary as the snow begins to fly Wednesday. Experts say dressing in layers is the best protection against frigid temperatures.

TRISH BENNETT/Circleville Herald

# 'Wear a hat'

## Experts give tips to fight frigid temperatures

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

With snow and sub-zero temperatures settling into Pickaway County, danger from extreme winter weather also is becoming a concern. From people to pets to vehicle maintenance, some local experts have provided tips to keep county residents safe in the cold weeks ahead.

The best protection against frigid temperatures is to dress in layers, according to Diane Eaton, wellness director for Berger Health Systems.

"Wear a hat and a scarf or something over your face," Eaton

said. "That not only protects your skin but warms the air as it comes in, too."

Sleeves that are snug at the wrist keeps cold air away from the arms, she said, and mittens are warmer than gloves when it comes to your hands.

"If you're outside exercising or being active, the most important thing is to keep the body dry," Eaton said. "If you're shoveling snow and feel yourself heating up, you may be wearing too many layers. You don't want to get sweaty while it's cold outside."

Eaton said most people can still enjoy outdoor activities when the temperatures drop as long as they are aware of their limits.

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EATON

## Local forecast

• A wind chill advisory was issued until 6 p.m. Friday.

• **Today:** Expected to be the worst with a 30 percent chance of snow showers and single-digit high temperatures followed by 5 to 10 degrees below after dark.

Combined with the expected 15 mph west winds, that means wind chill values as low as 10 below during the day and 20 below during the night.

• **Friday:** Much the same, although under sunny skies. With the slightly warmer temperatures — 25/20 — the chance of additional snow accelerates.

## Local man pleads guilty to all charges

Fansler admits involvement in 3 incidents

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

The man accused of felony charges in three separate crimes pleaded guilty to all counts Wednesday in Pickaway County Common Pleas Court.

Daniel W. Fansler, 22, of Circleville, remains in the Pickaway County jail without bond awaiting sentencing in approximately six weeks.

Fansler pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges of breaking and entering, theft and disrupting public services stemming from a break-in at Little Bear Market on Sept. 4,



NANCY RADCLIFF/The Herald  
Daniel W. Fansler will be sentenced in about six weeks after admitting guilt on Wednesday.

as well as arson and burglary at a vacant house on Highland Avenue Sept. 15.

He also admitted to the most serious charge, felonious assault, from a Sept. 17 incident in which he was accused of beating a

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## Beaver asks for intervention

Local woman pleads guilty, wants help

By TRISH BENNETT  
STAFF WRITER

The woman accused of stealing nearly \$70,000 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles pleaded guilty to two counts of theft and asked for intervention in lieu of conviction for the crimes Wednesday in Pickaway County Common Pleas Court.

Tamara R. Beaver, 47, of Circleville, was indicted by the Pickaway County Grand Jury in



NANCY RADCLIFF/The Herald  
Tamara Beaver requested help with drug addiction instead of a conviction for theft.

October on one count of theft totaling \$48,874.75 from the club's Circleville post. A second indictment was handed down in

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## Bad economy makes for busy days

By AARON R. WALTHER  
STAFF WRITER

### JOBS One-Stop helps 1,100 people in December

As the economic downturn spreads further across the nation, more people in Pickaway County are using the services of an agency that helps put people back to work.

"We had 1,116 people come in December," said Jan Shannon, program administrator for JOBS

One-Stop in Pickaway County. "That's a lot of people coming through."

JOBS One-Stop works with partner organizations to assist people who may have lost their jobs seek new employment, as well as helping those who are looking for better jobs or seeking job-training to improve their marketable

skills.

"Our job is to help them first with resumes and then job skills," Shannon said. "People don't know how to search for jobs."

In addition, JOBS One-Stop also assists employers, at no cost, who seek qualified applicants for existing or

future job openings.

Julie Bolen, business services specialist at JOBS One-Stop, showed off the agency's resource center Wednesday and explained all the services available to area job seekers.

The resource room looks like a small library and includes 13 computer

stations where people can fill out job applications online, search for jobs or create resumes. A fax machine and telephones are also available to users at no cost.

The resource room also includes a large job board where employers post openings and another

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Julie Bolen, left, business services specialist for Jobs One-Stop, and Jan Shannon, program administrator, stand in front of the job postings board in the resource center at the Jobs One-Stop offices Wednesday.

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Foyster "Junior" Williams

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## Weather

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"Infants and the elderly definitely shouldn't be out in this weather," Eaton said. "It's also not good for anyone with decreased immune systems, serious heart conditions or breathing and lung problems. Other than that, as long as you're bundled up, you're good to go."

"Going" often involves a car in the cold winter months, and vehicles need protection, too, according to Lance McMahan of Coughlin Automotive Group.

"The biggest thing with these temperatures is making sure your battery is up to proper amperage and to get it tested regularly," he said. "Also, you should make sure you have good, clean oil, because the older your oil is, the thicker it will be with all the contaminants inside it."

McMahan recommends periodic use of a fuel system treatment with a deicing agent to prevent fuel-line freeze-up.

"It's also a good idea to let a vehicle warm up before you drive it," he said. "You want to get all the fluids up to operat-

ing temperature before you start driving, and that also allows the heating system to be working properly so your windows are clear of fog and ice."

Contrary to popular belief, the amount of gas you keep in your tank affects the driver more than the vehicle, he said.

"Having a quarter tank or full tank doesn't matter much mechanically," McMahan said. "It's always a good idea to have at least a quarter tank when you're out, though, so if you get stuck somewhere, you won't run out of gas trying to stay warm."

Getting stranded in wintry weather can raise even more concerns, according to Lt. Robert Radcliff, Pickaway County Sheriff's department.

"It's difficult to say what's the best thing to do because every situation is so different," Radcliff said. "For the most part, staying inside your vehicle is often the safest choice, but if you run off the road and your car can't be seen by other drivers, you'll have to do something to get attention."

Radcliff said the best recommendation is to carry a cell phone for emergencies, but if you're stranded without one, tie a bright-colored shirt or

cloth to the vehicle's antenna to show you're in distress.

"That's the key thing to do, is to let people know you need help," he said. "Raise the hood of the vehicle and tie a cloth or flag to your car as a signal to other drivers."

An emergency kit also is recommended for winter drivers that should be kept inside the vehicle instead of the trunk for easier access, he said.

Kits should include things like a blanket, first aid kit, waterproof matches, windshield scraper, compass, tool kit, sand or cat litter for traction in snow and ice, canned air for tires, a tow rope, water and non-perishable food items.

Winter weather affects pets as much as people, according to Tammy Fee, Pickaway County dog warden, and pet owners should be aware of the dangers for pets left outdoors when the temperatures fall.

"I don't know if there's any law about the temperature, but it does require pets have adequate food, water and shelter," she said. "My rule of thumb is that they're just like people. If it's too cold for us to be out there, it's too cold for pets."

Dr. Hugh Dresbach, veterinarian at North Court Animal

Clinic, said pet owners should consider bringing their animals into a garage or basement when the temperature ranges from 10 to 25 degrees or less.

"A big problem is when dogs can't get fresh water because it keeps freezing," he said. "That's when it's time to take them inside."

Dogs left outside should have shelter with a flap over the door to keep the wind away, Dresbach said.

Owners also should beware of frozen ice sticking to an animal's fur.

"If they get that frozen ice in their fur between the pads of their paws, that cuts into the toe," he said. "If they just get morbid and slow down or stop moving, they may have hypothermia, so you want to get them in and warmed up as quickly as possible."

Fee also recommends giving outdoor pets extra food in the winter, as the extra calories help generate extra body heat.

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board where employers display news on upcoming events such as job fairs.

All the resources are free to anyone and there is no limit on how often people can use the center, Bolen said.

"People can spend several hours here filling out applications and searching for jobs on the Internet," she said.

Job application forms from various area employers also are available, a benefit for people who may not have the time or means to drive all over town to fill out applications.

"We have a lot of applications for people to fill out right here," Bolen said. "That's a big draw."

JOBS One-Stop partnership programs are another way the agency is reaching out to help individuals improve job-seeking skills or build a career path.

One of those is called Game Plan, Shannon said, an Ohio Department of Job and Family Services youth program geared toward 14 to 21 year-olds aimed to help them build valuable skills.

Game Plan consists of two divisions, one for in-school youth and one for out-of-school youth up to 21 years old, Shannon explained, and includes activities such as educational courses on starting a business, self defense, CPR and how to shop on a budget.

"They do a lot of group activities in addition to one-on-one activities," Shannon said.

Another program is geared to those who may be struggling with the self-serve resources or just don't know how to go about searching for a job because they have just

been laid off after working for several years.

This is where case managers come in and help those individuals one-on-one through the process.

"We have seen an increase in that," Shannon said.

The Workforce Investment Act, a U.S. Department of Labor program managed by the state through Job and Family Services, is geared toward low-income individuals who may not have any job skills and helps them get the training they need to land a high-demand job such as in the health care field, Shannon said.

Individuals who qualify receive \$6,000 a year for up to three years to complete a job-focused training program and not necessarily to earn a bachelor's or even an associate degree.

"A lot of low-income people are not in a position to get an associate degree and this program is geared toward them," Shannon said.

Other programs include help for those who are disabled through the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and having a representative available at the JOBS One-Stop office to assist veterans seeking employment.

For those individuals who may not want to make a trip to the JOBS One-Stop office, similar information and resources are available online at pickawayjobs.com.

Resources such as job listings and online resume building are available at the Web site, as well as other related information.

Even though more people are coming into JOBS One-Stop seeking help, Shannon and Bolen encourage others who may be reluctant to stop by and see what they offer.

"I don't think people realize what an opportunity they're missing out on by not coming here," Shannon said.

Bolen agreed and wants people to know employment opportunities do exist.

"There are jobs out there, maybe not as many as people would like, but there are jobs," she said.

JOBS One-Stop is currently located at 1080 U.S. Route 22 W, but will be moving in April to a new location next to Job and Family Services on Island Road.

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