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**Caring to benefit Habitat for Humanity**  
 The Central Choir will present a concert on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to benefit the Habitat for Humanity project in Paynesville. The concert is a special Christmas event and a special gift to the community. A free will offering will be taken.



**Third graders give presents at Washburne Court...**  
 In the spirit of giving — not just receiving — gifts, the third graders from Paynesville Area Elementary School presented each of the 23 residents of Washburne Court, an assisted living facility, with a Christmas gift on Friday. Above, Lucille Harwood gratefully accepted her present from Janice Burdette (left) and Lisa Mangan. Instead of doing a gift exchange themselves, the third graders wanted their money and bought gifts for the residents. They also sang Christmas carols at Washburne Court to spread some holiday cheer.

**Increased tax levy passed by school board**  
 By ABB Larson and Michael Jacobson  
 The 2007 property tax levy for the Paynesville Area School District will increase by \$1,000,000, or 1.1 percent, from \$90,000,000 in 2006 to \$91,000,000 in 2007. The school board approved the levy on Dec. 27, 2006, after a public hearing on Dec. 19, 2006. The school district is required to pass a preliminary levy by the end of September in order for the county auditor to issue the levy. The school district is required to pass a preliminary levy by the end of September in order for the county auditor to issue the levy. The school district is required to pass a preliminary levy by the end of September in order for the county auditor to issue the levy.

**Press arriving a day late due to Christmas**  
 This week, the Paynesville Press is arriving a day late. The printing schedule for the Press was delayed a day due to Christmas.

**Parking ordinances in effect over holidays**  
 The overnight parking ban on all city streets has taken effect for the winter and will be in effect over the holidays. The all residential streets, the overnight parking ban starts at 1 a.m. and lasts until 6 a.m. The parking ban on residential streets starts in November and lasts until the end of March. The overnight parking ban starts at 1 a.m. and lasts until 6 a.m. The parking ban on residential streets starts in November and lasts until the end of March.

**Annual Chamber meeting and banquet coming in January**  
 The Paynesville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and banquet will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Paynesville Area High School. The banquet will feature a dinner, entertainment, and a presentation of the Chamber of Commerce's annual awards. Tickets are \$20 and are available from any Chamber board member.

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### Paynesville Township passes garbage ordinance

**Residents need to have refuse plan on file with township**  
 By Michael Jacobson  
 Paynesville Township residents — both full-time and seasonal residents — will need to have a "Solid Waste Disposal Plan" on file with the township office, according to a new ordinance passed by the township board last week. The ordinance will take effect on Jan. 1, 2007, or 90 days after its approval by the board. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**Township Refuse Ordinance**  
 The Paynesville Township Board of Trustees passed a new ordinance requiring a refuse plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**If you have regular garbage pickup, then...**  
 Paynesville Township will be providing a regular garbage pickup service to all residents. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**If you do not have regular garbage pickup, then...**  
 The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**If you violate this ordinance, then...**  
 The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**Input from Public Hearing**  
 Prior to the board's approval of the proposed ordinance, the township board held a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 18, at which residents were invited to provide input. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office. The ordinance requires that all residents have a plan on file with the township office.

**2007 School Levy**  
 The Paynesville Area School Board approved its levy for 2007 last week. The levy is a 1.1 percent increase over the 2006 levy. The levy is a 1.1 percent increase over the 2006 levy. The levy is a 1.1 percent increase over the 2006 levy.

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Fund	2007 Levy	Change	Percent
General	\$24,000,000	+1,000,000	+4.2%
State	\$10,000,000	+1,000,000	+10.0%
Local	\$56,000,000	+1,000,000	+1.8%
Total	\$90,000,000	+3,000,000	+3.3%

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