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HEALTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2011 MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT SCHEDULE

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 16, 2010 – The Delaware General Health District has arranged for a mobile mammography unit to visit Delaware County six times in 2011.

The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute's mobile mammography screening unit will visit Buehler's Market in Delaware on Feb. 17, July 5, Oct. 20, and Dec. 20, 2011. The unit will visit the Center for Older Adults of Delaware County on April 6 and August 24, 2011. For appointments, phone the Health District Clinic at 740-203-2040.

Clients seeking mammograms must have a primary care physician to interpret the results.

Early detection of breast cancer through a mammogram can save a woman's life. The screening process is recommended annually for women 40 and older.

Mammograms are performed in the mobile unit in private by specially trained female technologists and interpreted by board-certified expert radiologists. The screening process takes about 10 minutes. Medicare and most insurance plans cover the cost of the service. If Medicare or insurance is not available, please phone the Health District clinic for other assistance in accessing a mammogram. Women without insurance coverage who wish to pay privately will need to provide \$95 at the time of their appointment.

Mammograms can detect breast lumps years before they can be found by self-examination. According to the American Cancer Society, at least 90 percent of breast cancers detected in the early stages can be treated successfully.