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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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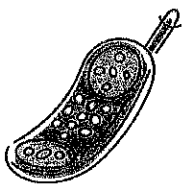


## "GREETINGS"

Recently, I found that my computer was on life-support, so I pulled the plug and got a new one. In the transition, I lost some stuff, most importantly, all of my MM clip art. I was able to save myself (on the last page) but most of the rest of the clip art is new. Hope you like them.

This issue covers August, September and October, plus some past events. Please read and enjoy!

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WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO THE AREA OR A LONG-TIME RESIDENT, THESE ARE THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW.

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**EMERGENCY**.....911  
Village Hall.....330-274-8776  
Police Department.....330-274-2251  
Fire Department.....330-274-3535  
Service Department.....330-274-8188  
Income Tax.....330-274-8776  
Time Warner Cable.....1-800-683-1000

Lodge/Park Rental.....330-274-8776  
Water/Sewer Billing.....330-274-8188  
Mantua Township  
  Marie Stehli.....330-995-2640  
Shalersville Township  
  Dorothy Caldwell.....330-274-3655  
Zoning  
  John Vechery.....330-274-8776  
Mantua Matters.....330-274-8737  
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  Universal Disposal.....1-440-286-3173  
  Waste Mgt. Of Ohio..1-800-232-5749  
  Sunburst Env. Serv.....1-800-782-2475  
  P. C. Recycling.....330-678-8808

Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the new Administration Bldg.

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**"THE MAYOR'S CORNER"**

You may have noticed activity in the business district at the south entrance to town. Please help me welcome the new owners of Mantua Hardware! They have expanded the store space and will be opening a small engine repair shop, a lawn and garden section, and will also expand their store hours. As for the Eaton facility, the owner of Compass Packaging tells me the finalization of this transaction is getting closer. The survey of the parcels involved has been completed. You may have noticed the red and yellow flags marking the boundary lines. The new owner tells me Eaton has been very helpful all the way through and everyone is quite anxious to complete this. I look forward to the day Compass Packaging and their

63 employees make Mantua Village their company headquarters. We are fortunate to have them here as I've been told that the Geauga County Commissioners did everything within their power to keep them from leaving Geauga County. I am happy to have been a part of bringing this fine company to our Village community, and will be even happier once this is finalized.



I hope you are enjoying summer and taking some time to enjoy the fantastic events that are taking place here in the Village of Mantua. A great big thank-you to Dean Olson and the Portage County Soapbox Derby Committee, what a great addition the antique car show and celebrity races were to the always fun Soap Box Derby. This year Police Chiefs from Windham and Kent challenged one another, local Fire Chiefs faced off, and even I had the opportunity to race Streetsboro Mayor Art Scott down High Street. I was doing my best not to embarrass myself and all of Mantua along with me. I was already sure I didn't stand a chance of winning and I was a little apprehensive as the High Street hill looks pretty scary sitting 3 inches off the ground in a vehicle with no steering wheel and when your feet can barely touch the brake pedal, to make matters worse Mayor Scott informs me that he is a professional drag racer and that he has also raced in the Soap Box Derby. Believe me no one could have been more surprised then I was, when I ended up beating him by 3 car lengths☺

A special Thank-you to the DMRC for the incredible "Art on the Hill" event, this event was first class. The vendors were all so impressive, and they were impressed with us as well. They told me over and over how friendly and generous the people of Mantua are and of course I agreed with them. Many of them told me they planned on returning next year. Thank-you as well to Portage County Parks who hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "run, pedal, paddle triathlon", this too was highly attended and grows each and every year.



This last weekend many of us braved the heat to support Mantua Shalersville Chamber of Commerce Community Garage Sale. My family and I picked up some treasures including a kayak. I think Councilman Hawkins has plans to enter

the triathlon next year, or so he said. Honestly, I am going to wait to see what happens☺ Don't miss the upcoming events including "Music in the Mini Park". Come hungry as this is a DMRC fund raiser, and bring your lawn chairs. Prospect Street will be closed between Main and Maple. Also, don't forget the "Great Pumpkin Roll" on the last weekend of October. It's not too early to begin inviting your friends and family and just generally getting the word out. Trick or Treat will be on Halloween October 31<sup>st</sup> between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Please remember to support our own "Rotary's Farmers Market" each Saturday 8:30am to noon.

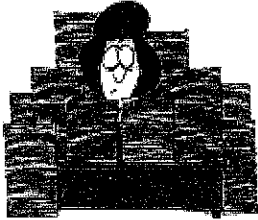


As many of you may know, the Village of Mantua will be processing wastewater from the Aurora Meadows subdivision off of Winchell Road, per Portage County Water Resources. The connection line should be in place by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> with households slated to go on line by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The lines were installed by the County at no cost to the Village; the processing will be done at our own Wastewater facility and will generate substantial revenue for the Village. Last year as acting Village Administrator, I learned much more than I ever thought I would ever know about a Wastewater plant. What I found is that our facility is highly underutilized even with Aurora Meadows coming on line. I know, as do we all, that this plant is a tremendous financial burden that all of us shoulder each and every quarter. It's the single largest challenge that affects our Village, yes, even over our roads. The problem is that in order for our Clerk to make the annual debt payment on this plant of \$300,000. it becomes necessary to pull funds out of our General fund. This has been standard practice for a long time now. Every time the Clerk has to do this, it pulls money away from other funds, consequently, there becomes little to no funding available for road repair. I know this vicious cycle had to stop! We cannot raise our rates to our citizens! So in sheer desperation I came up with a plan to generate revenue by processing septage. This septage is trucked in by independent haulers who pick up waste from sources such as nursing homes who generate waste but have no way of processing it. Council just passed this legislation in June and so far we have generated \$1,000. in revenue. We have a ways to go and yes it is a living process that will need tweaked as we go along but it received a stamp of approval from both our Village Engineer and his Wastewater Engineer along with the Ohio EPA!!!! Another revenue generating idea that was recently passed by Council was one Councilman Hawkins and I had and that is the sale of bulk water. This ordinance was passed in June and thus far we have sold

38,000 gallons of water. A special thank-you to our New Village Administrator Anthony Fiorilli for seeing the vision and helping me to make it a reality. I welcome your good ideas!! Please never hesitate to contact me! Together we can achieve so much more.

Happy Summer, Mayor Donna

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### "A NOTE FROM JENNY"

As your Clerk-Treasurer, I can tell you we have many things to be excited about here in Mantua Village. First of all, we will all be welcoming our newest restaurants, "The Italian Garden" in the former Extreme Pizza place, and also "Mangiano Bistro", next to our Middlefield Bank. Sounds delicious! We are hoping to see Compass Packaging moving into the Eaton Building soon.



Our Village Administrator, Anthony, is currently making new revenue using our Wastewater Treatment Plant to process septage from companies outside of our community, while carefully following EPA regulations. Anthony has also started selling bulk water for swimming pools. (This keeps Council from having to entertain rate increases, which the Auditor has recommended!!) This is great news for a struggling Village. We have made many sacrifices and cuts, so now the only thing left is to figure out a way to generate more revenue. The Service Department is now doing that. The Police Department started generating additional revenue last year by dispatching for Hiram Village. Things are looking much better, but we are still proceeding with caution!



We have an exciting election coming up on November 8th. Take part and VOTE! Get to know your candidates, attend a few Council meetings, and study up on issues. If you are new in

town, be sure to register to vote by the deadline of October 11<sup>th</sup>. We have registration cards here at the Village Hall, or you can even go to the Portage County Official website, [www.co.portage.oh.us](http://www.co.portage.oh.us) and in the Board of Elections page, go to Voter Information, and print an Application to Register to Vote. You can mail it in.



Oh, and don't forget to unleash your inner Buccaneer on September 19<sup>th</sup>, while observing "International Talk like a Pirate Day". For fun, you can go to [www.postlikeapirate.com](http://www.postlikeapirate.com) and type in a sentence to be translated to pirate speak.

Have a great day!

.....Jenny August, Clk/Treas.

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## "I Only Left Her Alone For A Minute!"



**Do You Know What Could Happen To Your Child If Left Alone  
In A Car?**

- Heat Stroke & Death
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Child Abduction
- All Of The Above

**Leaving your child in a parked car can be deadly mistake!**

### **Heat Stroke & Death-----**

Because of its many windows, the inside of your car is like a greenhouse. It sounds incredible, but even if the weather is mildly warm and you leave your windows slightly opened, the temperature inside the car can reach 120 degrees to 140 degrees in a matter of minutes.

The symptoms of heat exhaustion include high body temperature, mental confusion, headache, nausea, lightheadedness, muscle pain and cramping. A heatstroke is an extension of heat exhaustion in which a child's temperature rises to greater than 104 degrees. In extreme cases, coma and death may occur if treatment is delayed. Also remember your pets can be affect too.

### **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning-----**

Everyone is at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, deadly gas. Because you can not see it, taste it, or smell it, carbon monoxide can kill you before you know it is there.

Fumes from a running automobile contain carbon monoxide. Leaving your child or pets in a running automobile puts the child at risk, especially if the heat or air conditioner is left on and the windows are tightly closed, causing the carbon monoxide to be trapped inside with your child and pets.

### **Child Abduction-----**

The statistics are startling when it comes to missing children. The FBI estimates that as many as 2,300 children are reported missing to the police each day.

Infants and young children need appropriate supervision at all times to keep them safe. Leaving your child unattended, even for a brief time puts your child at risk of being abducted.

Older children need to be warned of the dangers and properly informed of the safety issues- issues the might save their lives.

**REMEMBER, YOUNG CHILDREN, WHO CANNOT MAKE DECISIONS THEMSELVES, DEPEND ON US TO KEEP THEM SAFE. LET'S DO OUR JOB!!!**

Buchert,

.....Chief Harry

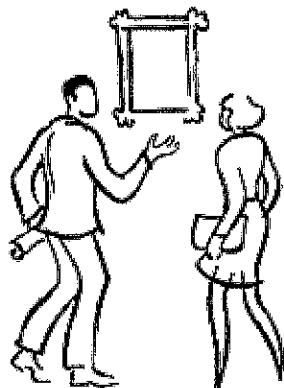
Mantua Police

**Department**  
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*Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.*





### "3rd Annual "Art on the Hill" held July 9"

Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation hosted the 3rd annual "Art on the Hill" on July 9.

The day started out cool & pleasant as the 60+ vendors began arriving to set up their wares. Within a few hours, it was 80+ degrees & visitors started to ease in. Soon Prospect Street was full of shoppers checking out everything from very unusual garden "flowers" made out of a wide selection of miscellaneous pieces of glassware and unique carvings, cutting boards, bowls, pens and other wood creations. There were displays of beautiful photography and paintings, many jewelry designs, lots of handmade art, and of course, delicious food items.

In addition to those who won great items donated to the Chinese Auction by our generous vendors & the winner of the 50/50 raffle, there were 4 visitors who were awarded door prizes valued at \$25-\$50 compliments of Haylett's BP, Middlefield Bank & Jake's Restaurant.

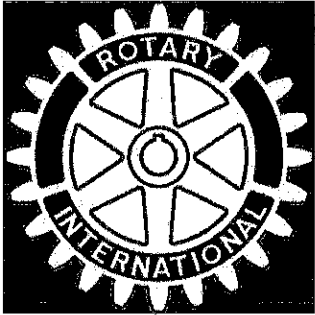
Everyone enjoyed the music and dance performances throughout the day. We have much local talent in the area and it's great to be able to see them all in one location!

In addition to Rapid Electric, The Community Journal & the Mantua-Shalersville Chamber, DMRC would like to offer sincere thanks to all who participated; whether as a vendor, visitor or one of the 20+ volunteers. We hope all will mark their calendars for the 4th annual "Art on the Hill" to be held on July 14, 2012.

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*Life isn't tied with a bow.....but it is still a gift.*



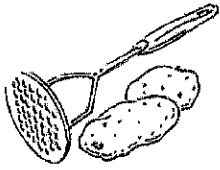
## "ROTARY NEWS"

The Rotary Club of Mantua is alive and well! The Rotary calendar starts in July with new officers and plans for the coming year. We are in the process of setting up programs, planning projects and setting goals. We have a dinner meeting, provided by Jakes, every Tuesday at the Hilltop Christian Church on Prospect Street. The first Tuesday of each month is a business meeting, while subsequent meetings have interesting and informative programs arranged by our members.



Once a month is "Rotary Night Out" for members and spouses or significant others. In May, we saw Chicago at The Aurora Community Theater. In June, we had a potluck supper and tour of Mackenzie Creamery. In August, we will attend the production of "Hello Dolly" at Porthouse Theater and we also plan to have a combined picnic at Camp Hi with Mantua-Shalersville Chamber of Commerce, with canoeing available.

Mantua Rotary supports the Crestwood schools with scholarships, a speech contest and leadership training. We sponsor a foreign exchange student, with next year's student, Carla Moreno Caballaro, from Spain. Many of you remember last year's student, Coco Coratian Mercier from France. He was a star basketball player on the Crestwood team, won the Soap Box Derby in his class (under the leadership of Rotarian Dean Olson) and became an important addition to the Crestwood School community.



Mantua Rotary will once again have a booth at the Great Mantua Potato Festival in September, where we will sell delicious pirogis. We are also in the planning stage for our Christmas Tour of Homes and craft show that will be held the first two weeks in November.

The motto of Rotary International is "Service Above Self". Through the small group of individuals in our club, joined with other district clubs and through Rotary International, we are able to make a difference in the lives of many here and around the world. If you can give a little time to join us at one of our meetings, you will have an enjoyable evening, a good dinner and an idea of the scope of Rotary and how it can enrich your life.

Call President Helen Hazlett or Sec'y/Treasurer Virginia Goodell for more information.

.....Virginia Goodell

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## "OX ROAST FAIR 2011"

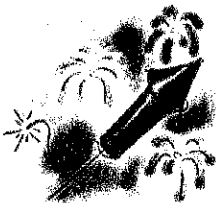
This year's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Ox Roast Fair the weekend of July 15-17 at St. Joseph's in Mantua had perfect weather for a wonderful event. Though the afternoons were hot the grounds of the parish spilled over with tremendous crowds by evening with many of the food booths selling out before the close on Sunday. The fun and entertainment were delightful and the food was delicious, as usual, as folks from the surrounding area and even out of state visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Parish Community of St. Joseph. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported, volunteered, promoted, donated and worked this year's great event. This annual parish fundraiser directly supports the educational and sacramental ministries of St. Joseph Parish.



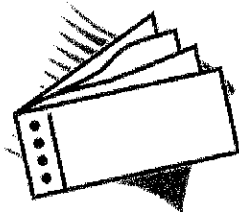
Girl Scout Troops assisted in collecting non-perishable products for Mantua's community cupboard, the 4C's on Sunday. They delivered a vehicle full of canned goods and other items to the 4C's, who were most appreciative on behalf of those in need. As in past years, St. Joseph's donated leftover food items to the Center of Hope in Ravenna. Items included breads and buns, fruits and vegetables and other salad bar items, butter and sauces.

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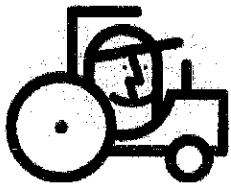
Our Parish Groups wish to thank all who supported their efforts at this year's fair. Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3766 volunteer a tremendous amount of time helping with maintenance, set-up and take-down, as well as working throughout the Fair. Boy Scout Troop #575 members and their families continued delicious fund raising efforts with their Sausage Sandwich booth. This hard-working group of young men put forth a tremendous effort in helping with Fair set-up, cleaning the grounds, and take-down of the Fair. Members of *Cub Scout Pack #3575* manned the Pop Booth once again this year. Thanks, guys! *St. Joseph's Life Teen* high school ministry group entertained & refreshed at the Dunking Booth.



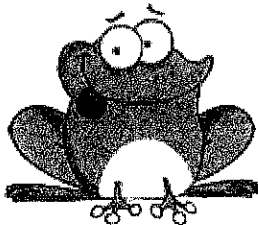
A huge THANK YOU to 7-Up Bottling Group and Snapple Beverages North Coast Tape and Label, Inc. of Bedford Heights, OH, owner, Debbie Bukas for their generous sponsorship of the spectacular fireworks display on Friday night.



The Fair's raffle drawings were held at 9:30 on Sunday. Third prize in the main raffle was a John Deere 16" Line Trimmer, second prize was a Cub Cadet Riding Tractor LTX1046 46" Cut, and first prize was \$5,000 cash. There were also hourly drawings throughout the day, and 50/50 drawings were also held. The Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary raffled a wrought iron patio set with chairs, cushions, umbrella and basket of summertime goodies. Congratulations to all winners!



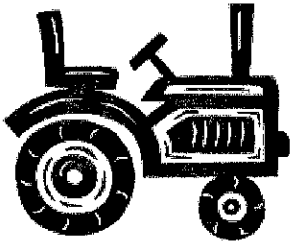
Another great crowd-pleaser was the Kiddie Tractor Pulls on Saturday. The Mantua Knights of Columbus donated their equipment for the little pullers & members helped run the event. All participants received a ribbon & trophies were awarded for the top 3 in each age category.



Sunday's Frog Jumping Contest was a hopping good time. Best jumpers and their owners were awarded cash, stuffed frogs and t-shirts.



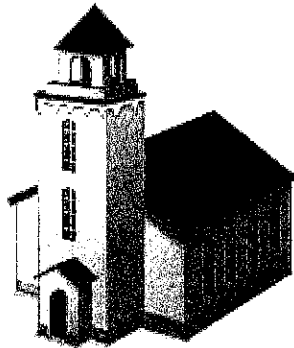
Ox Roast Idol 2011 - Thanks to the many singers in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual karaoke contest this year. Third place winner of \$50 was Amy Powers, second place of \$100 went to the trio of Danielle Cavanaugh, Hailey Kress & Maranda Seither and first place of \$200 went to Ray Markward. Congrats to all!



A big thank you to a number of area business & individuals who helped to sponsor our Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls throughout the weekend. Results from the pulls will be sent later & published on the parish website - [www.stjosephmantua.com](http://www.stjosephmantua.com) .

The Parish Community of St. Joseph's looks forward to entertaining & meeting the Mantua community & beyond in 2012. Mark your calendars for the third weekend in July (that's the 20-22) for St. Joseph's 49th Annual Ox Roast Fair. Be sure to visit their website, [www.stjosephmantua.com](http://www.stjosephmantua.com), for complete details. Again, St. Joe's thanks everyone who made this year's Fair such a huge community success.

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Christ Lutheran will be holding their Community Dinners on August 15, September 19 and October 17 from 5 to 6:30. Please come and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.



Remember to visit the Christ Lutheran Potato Pancake booth during the Potato Festival and enjoy some delicious potato pancakes.

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## "A LITTLE HISTORY OF POTATO COUNTRY"

Mantua Village, settled in 1800 and incorporated in 1889, is the trade center of a farming community whose principal money crop is potatoes.

In 1865, Darwin Atwater made the official survey for the new village on his father's original 200 acres. It was laid out in a grid on the southeast slope of the last hill north of Ravenna.

Since 1850, the Mantua area has been the most concentrated potato production region in Ohio. Many of the surrounding farms are under contract to the large potato chip processors, while others supply bagged fresh potatoes to northern Ohio supermarkets.

James Story shipped the first potatoes to Cleveland by rail in 1855. By 1900, 32,000 bushels filling 500 cars were being shipped annually. A 50,000 bushel storage depot was constructed across from the station at the bottom of the Main Street Mill.

In the 1860's, the average yield was 69 bushels per acre. Over the years, with controlled planting, helicopter dusting and irrigation, this harvest has been increased to 300 and in some cases 500 bushels per acre today.

The first Mantua "Potato Show" was held in 1939 in the high school auditorium to encourage better quality by the use of grading. By 1940, 97 exhibitors competed for prize money with local varieties of Cobblers, Russets, Latahdins and Rural Whites. The show continued into the 40's.

We now present the 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL!!



The 2011 Potato Festival will be held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Opening ceremonies and flag raising will be at 6:00 pm. on Friday. You can stroll the grounds, visit various booths and at 8:00, on the Main Stage , hear the musical group "GET BACK".



Saturday begins at 8:30 am with the Potato Stomp, starting at the High School, with awards being given at 11:00. There will be a Corn Hole Tournament at Noon & a Potato Sack Race in the sand pit at 1 pm. "ESD" will be performing on the Main Stage from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Bake-off entries must be dropped off for judging at the Lodge between 3:00 and 4:30.

From 4:00 to 7:00 pm there will be balloon art for kids, at 5:00 pm a potato race in the sand pit and at 6:00 pm, Bake-off awards and auction on Stage 2.

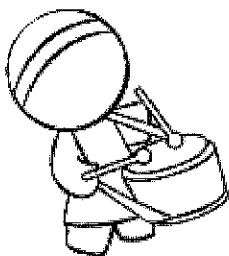
From 8:00 pm to Midnight, there will be a special performance of "Mr. Speed" America's KISS Tribute on the main stage.



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Don't miss the delicious, though often messy, eating contests throughout the weekend - Potato Chip Eating at 8:00 pm, Friday on Stage 2, French Fry Eating at 3:00 pm Saturday on Stage 2 - sponsored by "Burbach Concessions", and finally, Mashed Potato Eating (the messy one) at 4:30 pm Sunday on Stage 2.





Sunday begins with the Potato Festival Parade at 2:00 pm, beginning at the High School and ending at the Festival Grounds.

"RIVERCITY BAND" will perform from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The presentation of Visiting Queens will be on Stage 2 at 3:30 pm and the Parade Awards, also on Stage 2 at 5:00 pm. "THE HOMEWRECKERS" will be performing on the Main Stage from 4:00 to close.

The Main Raffle Drawing will be held at 7:00 pm. Grand Prize is \$1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$250.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Patio Set. Raffle prizes have been donated by Carlton Harley Davidson, F & S Automotive, Jake's, Middlefield Bank, Kepich Ford, Main Street Grill & Brewing Co. and Advanced Rehab.

Admission to the festival is free and parking is available for \$3.00 across from the Festival grounds.

As a Non-Profit Organization, Mantua Potato Festival is its own identity and is not a subsidiary of the Village of Mantua.

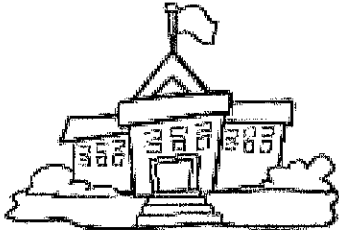
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*The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.*



## "NEWS FROM CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS"



The Crestwood Education Association (CEA) has awarded four middle school students each with \$100 to be used towards summer camp expenses. The money used to fund the scholarships comes from the raffle of themed baskets at the Annual Potato Festival. The baskets are made and donated by teachers.

This year's awardees are 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Leannah Francis who will attend Kent State Track and Field Camp and Nicole Derthick will be attending AC Dance Camp in Aurora. 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Trenity Hammonds will attend Wooster Music Camp and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Bill Harrison will be attending Camp Asbury in Hiram.

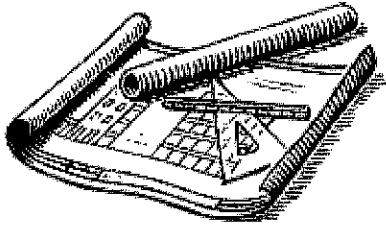
"Teachers are very happy to support student activities both inside and outside the classroom, the more life experiences students have, the better their academic perspective," said teacher Kim Marfy, treasurer of CEA and organizer of the middle school summer scholarship program. "This year we had 8 applicants and we wish we had enough money for all of them to attend the camp of their choice."

"A very important component of the middle school philosophy is to allow students to try new things and develop existing skills," said Principal Julie Schmidt. "Summer camps allow students to do that, and these scholarships help make it possible for our students to have rich experiences."

For more information, please visit [www.crestwoodschoools.org](http://www.crestwoodschoools.org).

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## CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS LOCAL MATH COMPETITION

On May 16, 2011, Crestwood High School's applied math class did more than just apply their learned math skills. Along with the Trigonometry class from James A. Garfield, these junior and seniors competed in a series of competitions with their homemade trebuchets (miniature medieval-like catapults) in the high school gymnasium. From designing with blueprints to construction, the students improved their skills in problem-solving, creativity and team work.

The Crestwood students studied trigonometry in their applied math class to prepare them for the event. They applied what they learned in order to make an adjustment on the string to get the best angle for launching marbles from their trebuchets.

In teams that consisted of 2 - 4 students, a total of 33 juniors and seniors competed in 4 competitions. The Distance competition awarded the team that launched the furthest marble. The Precision competition had the smallest perimeter out of 3 launches. In order to win the Accuracy competition, the launched marbles had to hit a certain mark placed on the floor and the fourth competition was to shoot the marbles through the basketball hoop.

"It was a well-rounded project and such a great success, that we are going to make it an annual event," said Mrs. Moon, Crestwood's Applied Math Teacher.

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*No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning*



## "STUDENTS "READ LIKE ROCKSTARS" AT CRESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL DURING RIGHT TO READ WEEK"

On a day, early in May, the students at the middle school were greeted in the morning with upbeat rock music, donned 'rock-themed' attire and enjoyed a rock concert. This was done in an effort to encourage students to read.

"Read Like A Rock Star" was the theme for this year's Right To Read Week, a week promoted annually by the Ohio Council of the International Reading Association (OCIRA) to stress the importance of reading in our society. According to OCIRA, fostering a lifelong love of reading is an important goal and is essential for success in many subject areas.

The "Read Like A Rock Star" theme was developed by a committee of middle school teachers who promoted daily sustained silent reading along with other activities. These included studying the history of rock and roll on the Internet and a "Music and Lyrics" poetry contest. Entries were judged on creativity and musicality. Winners of the contest were Ashley Prater - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Cate McSwain - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Cameron Moodie - 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Getting into the spirit of the week, students and staff were encouraged to dress-up to match various rock & roll themes. There were also daily announcements with music, a D.J. and a Rock Trivia Contest. All trivia contest winners received "book bucks" to be used at the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. The week ended with a concert provided by the local classic rock band, "Led It Be".

"What a great Right To Read week the students and teachers had," said Principal Julie Schmidt. "They had many opportunities to read their choice of literature, as well as expressing themselves through themed days. The rock concert was a great culminating activity where students were able to listen and dance to the various genres of Rock and Roll that they learned about during the week".

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"Thanks to the teachers who organized the week, and to the students who made the week so much fun with their energetic participation."

For more information, please visit [www.crestwoodschoools.org](http://www.crestwoodschoools.org).

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### ABOUT THE CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Crestwood Local School District strives to meet the needs of every child, every day. The district was formed in 1956 and is comprised of Hiram, Mantua and Shalersville Townships, and the villages of Mantua and Hiram. Crestwood is dedicated to providing our students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century education, while maintaining the traditions of our community. For the 2010-2011 school year, the district will educate 2,175 students with 265 employees at their four school sites.

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### "MANTUA VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB"

As summer comes to an end, gardeners notice that many perennials sow their seed. Gardeners welcome this, as it means that new young plants will appear in the spring and can be transplanted or given to friends. Leave faded flowers on the plants so that seeds will dry and scatter.

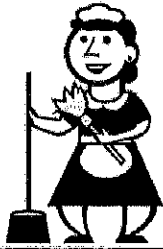
Another good reason to leave seedheads, is that they provide food for wildlife. Birds, especially finches, love seed from coneflowers, asters and sunflowers.

Tender bulbs that cannot tolerate freezing are gladiolas, tuberous begonias, cannas, caladiums and dahlias. Dig them up and store until spring replanting in a temperature not above fifty degrees. Keep the bulbs dry and ventilated. A cardboard box with some holes will allow air to circulate. Layer the bulbs with vermiculite.

Some helpful hints - leave several inches above the gladiola bulb and store upside down; leave six inches of the dahlia stem, as the stem holds the buds that provide next year's growth; leave four inches of the canna stem and store upside down. Protect these bulbs and enjoy them all over again next spring.

.....Emma Lefrink,  
Mantua Village Garden Club

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### "SOME HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS"

- To open a sealed envelope - put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed. (Hmmmmm)
  - To remove permanent marker on appliances or counter tops (like store receipt Blue!), use rubbing alcohol on paper towels.
  - When you purchase a box of scouring pads (Brillo or SOS), use scissors to cut each pad in half. Instead of throwing away rusted, unused pads, they will last much longer and it is an easy way to sharpen the scissors.
  - When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
  - Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and leaves a lovely smell to the shine.
  - When you get a splinter, reach for the Scotch tape before resorting to tweezers. Put the scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off. The tape will remove most splinters easily and painlessly.
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- Drop 2 tablets into a glass of water and immerse jewelry items for 2 minutes.
  - To clean a thermos bottle, fill with water and drop in 4 tablets, let soak for at least an hour, then rinse.
  - To unclog a drain, drop 3 tablets down the drain followed by a cup of white vinegar. Wait a few minutes and then flush with hot water.
  - To clean a toilet, drop in 2 tablets, wait twenty minutes, brush and flush. The citric acid and effervescent action will clean vitreous China.
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## "HILLTOP OPENS BACKDOOR"

Economy got you down? Never enough money to buy some of the things you might need? Let us help! Part of the ministry of Hilltop Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Mantua is to help those who simply need a little assistance.

Visit the **BackDoor** for gently used household goods donated by people who seek to help. While some items have very moderate prices, most are available at no charge.

The room, located at 4572 W. Prospect St., is open every Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Enter our **BackDoor** from the parking lot behind the church. Com on by - we welcome backdoor visitors.

For information, please call 330-274-2771.

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## "MANTUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY"

The Mantua Historical Society will meet at the Mantua Township Town Hall on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. We will be having a pot luck supper. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages will be supplied.

Our September meeting will be Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Program to be announced. Starting with this meeting, our meetings will now be held on the third Sunday of each month.

.....Lois Summerlin  
Mantua Historical Society



As I remind everyone, in each issue, this is YOUR paper. It is about Mantua, its people, places and events.

If you have anything you would like to hear about, any ideas, suggestions or criticisms, please let me know. Write to me c/o Village Hall, 4750 W. High St., Mantua Ohio 44255, Call me at 330-274-8737, or email at [mantuamatters@gmail.com](mailto:mantuamatters@gmail.com).

If you belong to an organization or club, I will be happy to print any information on your meetings or upcoming events.



Bye for now, see you in November!

Diane Hura, Editor