

# *Mantua Matters*

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## *Mantua Village Community News and Information*

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## "GREETINGS"

Hello to all of you who have not yet completely melted! Keep in mind that there are only about 6 or 7 weeks of summer left. And soon we will be able to start complaining about the cold. We should have known that there would be a price to pay for such a mild winter. This is it!!



## "HOW HOT IS IT??"

IT'S SO HOT .....the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.

.....you learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

.....you discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

.....you actually burn your hand opening the car door.

.....you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.

.....the potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter.

.....the cows are giving evaporated milk

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## "FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK"

Council and I have been busy. We have applied for several grants. A *CDBG* grant for repairs to Orchard St, has been approved by the Commissioners and we are waiting to hear from the State. We also applied for an *OPWC* grant for Hydrant repairs and/or replacement in the Village, we were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> at the county level. We have also applied for an *OPWC* grant in conjunction with Crestwood Schools to replace a lift station with a gravity flow sewer line. We were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> at the county level. So we are just waiting to get official notification on all of these. Several of the Council has been attending meetings with me and sometimes we go alone, to investigate the different programs and grants that are out there.

ODOT is making repairs to the turn lane in front of the High School. It should be done before school starts. This will be so nice, I feel it has been a safety issue for years, the way it has kept sinking.

If you have any questions or concerns please always feel free to contact me or one of your Council people. Our doors are always open to our resident's and businesses.

### *Special Thanks*

I would like to take this time to thank several people and businesses for their assistance in the Village. It is wonderful the way our community and surrounding community's come together to help one another. The Village is blessed with wonderful caring people.

The Mantua/Shalersville Chamber for the hanging baskets.

Mantua Garden Club for doing the flower box at the south end of town, the box at the cemetery, weeding at the mini park and separating and replanting,

and the Veterans Memorial box in front of Village Hall.

To the DMRC for their Saturday cleanup in the downtown area.

To Sue Mishler and Patty Leventry for approx. 12 hour sanding, priming and painting benches.

To Bob Maclearie for sanding and painting the benches in front of Italiano's.

To the American Legion for the American flags that grace our streets.

To B.Y. Mulch for donating mulch for the cemetery, mini park/downtown area and Village Hall.

To Shalersville Twp Trustees for their assistance on the trails and our salt issue.

To Linda Schilling who planted the seed to put the fountain out and to Ruthie Aldrich and Tim Benner for helping locate the missing fountain 2 years ago when this all started.

The Mantua Yacht club for the generous donation of \$265.00 to use toward the fountain.

Tim Benner for cleaning and priming and repainting the pond and helping to install the fountain.

Harper Well and Pump who ordered the paint and primer and when the estimate was over budget, gave us a bigger discount to cover the expense.

To Atlantic Water Gardens for their on site help and for donating the new pump. This help was in addition to our S.D. employees doing their jobs.

To Ellie Stamm & Carl Zeleznik for the crushed concrete for the Esker Trail and at the park.

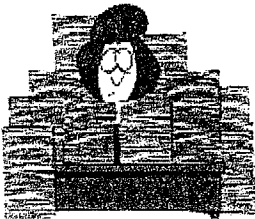
To Paul and Sandra Brannon and Paul Jr and Tom Bowersox for putting the veteran flags at the cemetery on Saturday before Memorial Day.

To the VFW in Aurora who donated 3 doz veteran flags at the last minute that we were short at the Cemetery.

The anonymous gift from a very Special person for many hours spent patching and painting the interior of the lodge.

The City of Ravenna for assisting us in the repairs on the water issue.

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### "A NOTE FROM JENNY"

Hello! I hope everyone's summer is going well. Mine is just flying by! I wasn't sure what to write about for this edition, so I started looking for some interesting finance related things that I could share with you.

Did you know that money has a short life span? On average, a \$1 bill lasts only 18 months, a \$5 bill will last two years and a \$10 bill will last three years. This is why the U.S. Bureau of Engraving & Printing has to reprint \$541 million worth of currency each year.

Over 62% of Americans retire on annual incomes of below \$10,000. **WOW!**

Conflict over money is still the leading cause of divorce today. Most marriages that fail list financial problems as a contributing factor, if not the main reason for the failure. - Psychology Today

My dad always told me to have enough in savings to be able to pay my bills for 6 months. Seriously? *Who can do that?* According to the Wall St. Journal, 70% of North Americans live paycheck to paycheck. In another survey that I found in Kiplinger's magazine, it reports that 22% of US consumers said they have no money left after paying basic living expenses.

The average household has \$84,454 of personal debt. Mantua Village has a little over \$4 million. The Village debt is attributed to the water & wastewater plants, the Village Government Center, and a large storm sewer project that we took out a loan for. Fortunately, we have not had to finance any vehicles. We have been able to upgrade two of our service trucks without taking out any loans. We hope to continue only buying what we can pay cash for.

That's all I have for this edition of Mantua Matters. See you in November!

Jenny August, Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Mantua



"CELL PHONE SAFETY FOR KIDS"

Just as in chat rooms and social sites, kids need to think about who they text and talk with. They should never text/talk about sex with strangers. Phones should only be used to communicate with people they know in the real world.

Since young people's social lives increasingly fold in cell phones as well as the Web, cyber-bullying and harassment have gone mobile too. Talk with your kids about how the same manners and ethics you've always taught them apply on phones and the Web as in "real life".

Many social sites have a feature that allows users to check their profiles and post comments from their phones. That means some teens can do social networking literally anywhere, in which case any filter you may have installed on a home computer does nothing to block social networking. Talk with your teens about where they're accessing their profiles or blogs from and whether they're using the same good sense about how they're social networking on their phones.

More and more cell phones have GPS technology installed, which means teens who have these phones can pinpoint their friends' physical location - or be pinpointed by their friends. Talk with your kids about using such technology and advise them to use it only with friends they know in person.

Most mobile phones we use today have cameras, some videocams - and teens love to share media with friends on all types of mobile devices. There is both a personal-reputation and -safety aspect to this. Talk with your teens about never letting other people photograph or film them in embarrassing or inappropriate situations (and vice versa). They need to understand their own and others' privacy rights in sharing photos and videos via cell phones.

We've already been over many smart- or 3G-phone features above, but remember they usually include the Web. That means more and more people can access all that the Web offers, appropriate or not, on their phones as well as computers. Mobile carriers are beginning to offer filtering for the content available on their services, but they have no control over what's on the Web. Parents of younger kids might want to consider turning off Web access and turning on filtering if they're concerned about access to adult content.

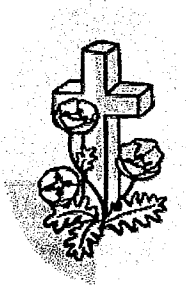
On some mobile services, a single text message can cost 15 cents to send and a couple of cents to receive. Check to see if your carrier has flat-rate texting that can be included in your child's or family's service plan; otherwise your teens could be using up their entire college fund.

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**"NEWS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"**





### HILLSIDE CEMETERY

The Service Department would like to remind everyone that decorations, flowers, plants etc. should be contained to the grave site they were meant for. Please keep any trees, bushes, etc., trimmed on a yearly basis.



### LEAF BAGS

Fall is approaching quickly!! The Village of Mantua will begin using brown paper biodegradable bags for leaf collection. Residents who need leaf bags may pick them up at the Service Department located at 4880 E. High. Each household can get 6 bags at no charge and additional bags for .10 cents per bag. The Village of Mantua will not pick up any other kind of bags used for leaves. If you choose to use different bags and leave them on curbside they would need to be picked up by J & J Refuse and residents may or may not incur a charge for their service.



The brush collection program for 2012 will continue until and including October. Pick-up will be on the second Monday of the month except Village holidays. If a holiday, then brush pick-up will begin on the next day, Tuesday. Please help us continue this successful program by following the regulations below.

Residents may place brush at the curbside for collection taking care to not block sidewalk areas. Only brush and branches shall be placed with the cut ends at the curb with length not to exceed ten (10) feet and diameter not to exceed three

(3) inches. Large diameter branches and trunks will not be taken. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of 20 minutes chipping at each residence.

Piles of brush should be on tree lawn or close to curb with cut side facing the street. This allows the crew to work more efficiently and safe. Avoid stacking brush too high as it may pose a traffic hazard. If brush is too long, it may be placed lengthwise on the tree lawn cut ends facing same direction. Bagged yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, flowers, briars, thorny bushes, and etc.) will not be picked up.

Chipping is intended for brush collection that has been trimmed by homeowners during routine maintenance. The homeowner will be responsible for the disposal of brush/limbs from removal of tree(s), lot clearing; clearing along fence line or property boundaries and it is not to be placed at curb. If a contractor has been hired to perform the work the contractor is responsible for brush/limb removal and it is not to be placed at curb.



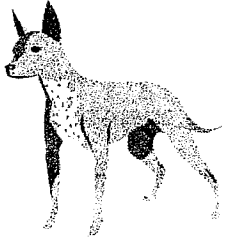
LAWN MOWING

This summer has been a hot one!!! We have all had many opportunities to enjoy this dry summer!! Please remember when mowing your grass the best time is in the evening if possible. Please be sure any grass clippings are blown back into your yards so we can keep our roads and storm sewer grates clear. We appreciate your help with this!!

If anyone has any questions regarding the brush pickup or would like to obtain free wood chips, please call the Village of Mantua Service Department at 330-274-8188.

Anthony Fiorilli, III  
Village Administrator

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## **"PROJECT: STOP THE DRUGS"**

The Mantua Police Department is moving forward with a new project to fund a Narcotics Canine Unit.

The Police Department currently consists of a full time Police Chief and eleven part time police officers. Due to budget cuts in recent years, the department experienced a reduction in force from four full time police officers to just one. And, due to the loss of business and manufacturing facilities in the Village, the staff has had to make cuts which has put a strain on the department and village.

Crime in Mantua is on the rise. The narcotics usage in Mantua is on the rise. Criminal arrests for possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia have risen approximately two hundred percent over the past three years. In the last year, the County Drug Task Force has performed search warrants and major arrests on four homes in Mantua Township which surrounds Mantua Village.

The drug problem is filtering into the public school system and during the 2011-2012 school year, criminal arrests were made at Crestwood Middle School for trafficking of marijuana by seventh and eighth grade students. In addition, multiple arrests have been made at Crestwood High School for students possessing controlled substances in the school building.

Currently, there are narcotics canine units in seven of the twelve police departments in the county. However, these teams are not always available to officers in the Village of Mantua due to travel time and scheduling difficulties.

The idea of Project: Stop the Drugs is to initiate and fund a narcotics canine unit within the Mantua Police Department. A purchase of a dog that is trained in narcotics, tracking, and searches will enable an officer with the Mantua Police Department to increase enforcement activity.

The dog and its trainer will be used not only for enforcement purposes but, also to increase police awareness and visibility. The canine team will be sent to the public schools to not only perform search activities for controlled substances within the building but, also a public relations and education tool.

The team will be made available to other neighboring police departments and agencies for enforcement activities. The team will be used during searches of the schools on a regular basis.

The purchase and funding of a canine team consists of two different parts. The first being the animal and the basic equipment needed to initiate the project. The second part is to completely provide a vehicle for transportation for the dog and handler.

The Mantua Police Department is seeking donations to fund a fully-trained police dog. Any donation will help fund this important purchase. Persons wishing to make a donation, need to fill out a Letter of Intent to Donate. If you have any questions, please contact the Mantua Police Department at 330-274-2251. Donations to this program will be used to purchase and equip a fully-trained German Shepherd Police Dog. Donations can be made by contacting the Clerk's Office at Village Hall at 330-274-8776 or the Police Department at 330-274-2251.

Chief Harry W. Buchert

Mantua Police Department

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Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France . Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig!

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?



## "SAFETY TIPS FOR POTATO FESTIVAL"

As the Village of Mantua prepares for the thirty-sixth annual Mantua Potato Festival, we, as residents of the village, should take note of a few safety tips that can help us all during this weekend. Chief Buchert recommends the following tips for your safety and welfare.

- Always lock your home and vehicles, and if not at home, leave a few lights on

around the house along with the TV or radio. This will give the effect that there is someone at home.

- Park in designated areas of the village, preferably lighted areas.
- Don't park on the roadway or on the sidewalks. This will result in citations to the owner and possible towing of the vehicle.
- Don't leave personal property, such as bicycles, out for the taking.
- Be aware of when and where the roadways will be closed off to the public for festival activities such as the foot race on Saturday and the parade on Sunday.
- Don't let anyone you don't know into your home to use the phone, bathroom or whatever they may request. You should call the police and we will provide whatever assistance they may need.
- Don't let your small children attend the festival by themselves and have your older children check-in with you periodically.

This weekend should be a successful weekend for all of us when we work together. The Police Department is here to serve you. Remember to Buckle-Up and Don't Drink and Drive.

Chief Harry W. Buchert  
Mantua Police Department



The Memorial Day service for 2012 went smoothly with a good attendance in spite of the heat. The cemetery trustees and service department prepared the grounds to make sure the cemetery was in tip-top shape for that weekend. This summer's drought has been hard on the flowers and even harder on the Trustees trying to keep up with the watering at least once or twice a week.

In the near future we hope to begin replacing the rotted logs in front of the Mausoleum, filling in sink holes and many other items as time and money allows. Hopefully, we can make a little progress with each passing year.

Please remember to remove your summer decorations as we head into the Fall and winter months. Thanks for your cooperation.

Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek  
Mantua Cemetery Board



The Portage County Soap Box Derby had their local race in Mantua on High Street on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> this year. The weather was great and it never rained during our 10<sup>th</sup> annual race. There were a total of 41 racers. The results of the three divisions were as you can see below:

### STOCK

- 1st - Jacquie Deuley - Streetsboro
- 2nd - Blake Johnson - Ravenna
- 3rd - Bailey Fumich - Rootstown
- 4th - Matthew Adkins - Ravenna
- 5th - Shane Skilton - Ravenna
- 6th - Jordan Carlton - Kent
- 7th - Stephen Adkins - Ravenna
- 8th - Jillian Moore - Ravenna

### COMPETITORS

- Bruce Kachenko - Mantua
- Amber Dailey - Ravenna
- HyVannah Bates - Mantua
- Sylvia Giaimo - Ravenna
- Ryan Brown - Ravenna
- Adam Hegedus - Macedonia \*
- Zachary Jenkins - Rootstown

### SUPER STOCK

- 1st - Madison Neer - Windham
- 2nd - Brett Chrisman - Kent
- 3rd - Andrew Johnson - Ravenna
- 4th - Dana Griffiths - Kent
- 5th - Scott Carlson - Aurora

### COMPETITORS

- PJ Moore - Ravenna
- Logan Little - Mantua
- Landon Little - Mantua
- Bryson Carlton - Kent
- Denoah Wright - Ravenna

6th - Becca Fleming - Streetsboro  
7th - Ben Ubienski - Ravenna  
8th - Blake Fumich - Rootstown

Tyler Jenkins - Rootstown  
Jay Moore - Ravenna  
Alex Kachenko - Mantua  
Dayne Bates - Mantua  
Abigail Obert - Ravenna  
Emily Starkey - Ravenna  
Jessica Moore - Macedonia

## MASTERS

1st - Travis Adkins - Ravenna  
2nd - Sydney Nemecek - Mantua  
3rd - AJ Almy - Mantua  
4th - Tyler Fleming - Streetsboro  
5th - Julia Adkins - Ravenna  
6th - Ryan Deuley - Streetsboro

\* Were able to race in our county because Akron's registration was already closed.

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cruis-In car show at our local race that turned out more of a success this year. Thanks to Mantua's Sergeant Bob for filling in and racing against Anthony Milicia (Garrettsville police chief) for one of the celebrities that did not show.

We held our banquet on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Access to Independence in Rootstown. All of our local racers (41) received a trophy, a tool box filled with many gifts like an American flag, and a squirt gun. They also received a hoodie to match the free t-shirt they raced in, a Wal-Mart gift card, and many other items.

We sent six (6) champs all together to compete in the race in Akron this year on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Our local champs were Jacquie Deuley in Stock, Madison Neer in Super Stock and Travis Adkins in the Masters division. Also we had brothers Andrew (Super Stock) and Blake (Stock) Johnson that competed as rally champs. Then Anna Heritage was our 6<sup>th</sup> champ who raced in an Ultimate Speed race car.

Blake won his first heat in this single elimination race while the other local and rally champs were honored to race at the BIG race against other champs in the world. There is not a switch of wheels or lanes in this particular race. Also most of the time there are three racers in each heat and only the winner advances. There



were over 420 contestants from the USA and all over the world including Germany, Alaska, Japan, New Zealand and Canada. Anna placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the Ultimate Speed out of 15 competitors. Congratulations to all our champs who were treated like kings and queens during race week!

The next race in our schedule is the Buccaneer race in Charleston, West Virginia on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. This is for all the local 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in Ohio and West Virginia along with the rally champs. They will compete against each other for the regional title. On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an open rally for anyone who wants to compete at the same track to open the new season. The rally program is another way competitors can earn the right to go to the big race in Akron. They only need to accumulate enough points by racing in different race cities. Andrew Johnson ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation with the many points he accumulated!

Our next races will be held at the Akron track on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our first vintage derby car "Mothball race" will be held during these races also. If you know of anyone who wants to race in this old time race, let us know with an email to [pcsbd@roadrunner.com](mailto:pcsbd@roadrunner.com) or call one of us!

Portage County Soap Box Derby has won the prize for "Outstanding Race City." We are very proud of our organization, and the hard work of our board. We work together as a wonderful team! Thanks to everyone for your dedication and help!! We could not do this without the team effort and the use of High Street in Mantua!!

Our local race in Mantua next year will be held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now!!

We would like to thank the Village of Mantua and the residents on High Street for their continued support and allowing us to close down High Street to continue our race. Also thanks to the whole county for your dedication and help.

Anyone who wants to help, race or has any suggestions, please feel free to give any one of us a call: Dean Olson 330-351-3035, Kelly Heritage 330-541-1075, and Barb Corbett 330-931-0537.

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## News from Downtown Mantua Revitalization...

A gigantic THANK YOU to Christine Pitsinger and Rick Frato for bringing such impressive artistic talent to downtown for Mantua's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Hill in July. We truly appreciate your efforts to make this event happen!



Village administrators continue to work with property owners along Route 44, south of the river, on the use of a \$45,000 Transportation Enhancement Program grant, which DMRC helped secure. The required local matching funds for this grant will also be provided by DMRC for a feasible project. (Grant request was for a \$300,000 project; 1/5 the funds means major modifications!)

We're honored to have ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 grant-seeking organizations for Community Development Block Grant funds administered by Portage County Commissioners...that's not quite good enough to be guaranteed money, but it puts us *first* in line if one of the grant recipients is unable to complete their project. We wouldn't wish that on any deserving non-profit group, particularly Neighborhood Development Services with their 4<sup>th</sup>-place project *to benefit our own downtown!* (Yes, Mantua's resourcefulness & "can-do" spirit have the attention of our County Commissioners, earning Village projects two of the top slots in this funding race! Be proud!)

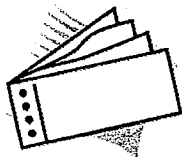
Beyond helping The Village secure funding for infrastructure improvements, DMRC volunteers continue to plan activities that benefit area residents and businesses and clean-up key areas of downtown.

Another huge THANK YOU to Jim Oster for bearing the brunt of the work during May's Spring Spruce-up and again in July, getting Prospect Street in shape for Art on the Hill! Your hard work is appreciated by all who live, work, and play downtown!

*See you at Music in the Mini Park on Friday, August 10 from 6 to 8 pm!*



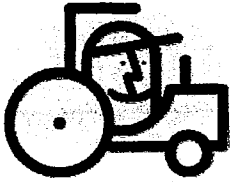
This year's 49th Annual Ox Roast Fair the weekend of July 20-22 at St. Joseph's in Mantua had nearly perfect weather for a wonderful event. Friday's sprinkles stopped, Saturday was ideal, and the crowds still came despite Sunday's 90+ temps. The fun and entertainment were delightful and the food was 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.



The Fair's raffle drawings were held at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. For the event's main raffle the 3rd prize of a Stihl Line Trimmer went to Jason Carlton of Mantua, the 2nd prize of Cub Cadet Zero Turn Mower was won by Autumn Sindelar of Mantua, and the top prize of \$5,000.00 was awarded to Dave Labas of Mantua. A few lucky fair-goers were awarded prizes through the hourly drawings in which winners had to be present: Kathi Trares, Dolores Quinn, Domenic Pinto, Barb Colin, and Elaine Finnerty. The Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary held a raffle for a fire pit, "chat set" of two chairs, footstools and a small table, along with a basket of summertime cook-out goodies. Congratulations to winner Debbie Bujak of Shalersville.



New to the activities this year was the addition of the "Run of the Ox" 5K Run/Walk held on Saturday morning. Over 130 participants made this a wonderful success. Coming out on top overall for the men were Steve Green, Paul Fafarak, and Joshua Barry and for the women were Holly Haffner, Bella Wagner, and Erin Sullivan. For a complete list of award winners and their placement times, visit [hmapromotions.net/races/run-of-the-ox.html](http://hmapromotions.net/races/run-of-the-ox.html). A big thank you to event sponsors and donators Pete Kepich Ford, Jake's, Giant Eagle, North Coast Tape & Label, Inc., Fall & Stebbins, Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel, Perfect Choice Automotive, Coldwell Banker Hunter Realty, Debbie Kruis, Realtor, Advanced Rehab & Health Specialists, and Ferrara Electric.



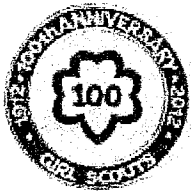
Another great crowd-pleaser was the Kiddie Tractor Pulls on Saturday. The Mantua Knights of Columbus donated their equipment for the little pullers and members helped run the event. Trophies were awarded to the following top winners. In the 4 & 5 age category, Bryce Wagner, age 5 of Shalersville, placed third, Roxxy Bretz, age 5 of Mantua, took second, and Noah Cline, age 5 of Stow, won the age level with her first place pull. For the 6 & 7 year olds, Giana Doscocil, age 7 of Aurora, accomplished third place, Kendra Mentheny, age 7 of Ravenna, won second place, and Olivia Glova, age 7 of Mantua, beat them out for first place. The 8 & 9 year old level saw Tony Romano, age 9 of Mantua, place third, Delos Thomas, age 8 of Lisbon, achieve second place, and Jordan Sedensky, age 8 of Garrettsville, attain first place.



Sunday's Frog Jumping Contest was a hopping good time. Congratulations to third prize winner Cory Pawlak, age 9 of Streetsboro, who was awarded \$3.00, a stuffed frog toy, and an Ox Roast t-shirt, and to second prize winner Jynz Bretz, age 8 of Mantua who won \$5.00, a stuffed frog toy, and a t-shirt. First prize of \$10.00, a stuffed frog toy, and a t-shirt was won by Ava Julian, age 5 of Hiram.



Ox Roast Idol 2012—Thank you to the many singers and Chuck Casalicchio of C. C. Karaoke and DJ Services for our contest this year. Coming out on top for the 4th Annual Ox Roast Idol: 1st (\$200)—Dan Halansky of Pennsylvania, 2nd (\$100)—Chuck Holka of Aurora, 3rd (\$50)—the duo of Bianca Marinelli and Katie Krofcheck of Shalersville & Streetsboro.



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 year's past, St. Joseph's donated leftover food items to the Center of Hope in Ravenna who were most appreciative. In addition to the Girl Scouts several of 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 and refreshed at the Dunking Booth.

Trade booths at this year's fair included: Pro-Life, The Super Sauce, Ohio State Waterproofing, Tupperware, Portage County Tea Party, Friends of Jim Mueller, Matt Lynch, Western & Southern Insurance, By Rednecks for Rednecks, University Hospital, M & M Sales, Chagrin Pet & Garden Supply, and Kepich Ford. Thank you to each of them for adding to the festivities. Our generous sponsors toward the fireworks display was 7 Up Bottling Group and Snapple Beverages.

#### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to a number of area businesses and individuals helped to sponsor our Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls throughout the weekend: Industrial Connections, Mantua; Impressions Styling Studio, Streetsboro; F & S Automotive, Mantua; The Print Shop Business Center, Ravenna; Auburn Pipe & Plumbers Supply, Chagrin Falls; Special Moments Catering, Streetsboro; Lakeside Sand & Gravel, Inc., Mantua; Ferrara Electric Corp., Mantua; CC Karaoke & DJ Services, Ravenna; Geauga Lake Auto Sales, Mantua; Penney's Auto Body, Ravenna; Central Petroleum Company, Mantua; My First School, Aurora; Lyle Tayerle, Independent Agent for Aflac Insurance; Hiram House Salon and Day Spa, Hiram; K & K Meats, Mantua; Osborn Landscaping, Jon Osborn; Acorn Propane; A & A Excavating Services; T & L Service Center, Inc. Aurora; Aurora Chrysler-Dodge-and Jeep, Aurora; and Joe Artz of A & S Performance, LLC in Ravenna. The Ox Roast Fair also wishes to

thank several generous businesses who donated items for this year's event: 7UP Bottling Group & Snapple Beverages donated toward this year's fireworks display; M & M Sales of Streetsboro for donating the Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor and Chagrin Pet, Garden & Power Equipment who donated the Stihl Line Trimmer for the main raffle; Cantex of Aurora were generous with pipes and fittings for poles, Sunrise Springs offered the bottled water used for making the Lemon Shake-Ups; Hermann's Pickles of Garrettsville for several gallons of their delicious product; beer mug sponsors Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel and Lakeside Sand & Gravel, both of Mantua; raffle ticket printing costs were covered by McGinnis Amusements; Kepich Ford and Mantua Station Drug Co. helped with flyer printing expenses; and, Acorn LPG of Ravenna provided the approximately 300 gallons of propane used throughout the weekend.



The Parish Community of St. Joseph's looks forward to entertaining and meeting the Mantua community and beyond in 2013 at the Fair's golden anniversary celebration. Mark your calendars for the third weekend in July (that's the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) for St. Joseph's 50th Annual Ox Roast Fair. Be sure to visit their website, [www.stjosephmantua.com](http://www.stjosephmantua.com), for complete details. They also have a Facebook page, St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair, with lots of photos and news. Again, St. Joe's thanks everyone who made this year's Fair such a huge community success. (Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls results will be sent later & published on the parish website)

## APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE 2012

A group of eleven volunteers from Mantua's St. Joseph Parish recently participated in the Housing Repair Program out of St. Joseph Church in Clintwood, Virginia. Offering home repairs to the low-income people of Appalachia this outreach effort is coordinated by Sr. Jean Korkisch, CSC, who helps to ensure that those in need are warm, dry, and safe.

Appalachian Experience participants genuinely feel a sense of accomplishment helping the truly needy of this area. Not only did they work hard but they've acquired friendships and a camaraderie with those they worked for and with. You are welcome to join us in future trips as we follow Jesus' example and use our gifts to reach out to others!

Kathi Trares, Parish Secretary



## "A HOME AT LAST"

The fountain has finally found a home on the front lawn of Village Hall after being moved around from place to place over the past 50+ years. It was donated to the Village by Delia Thompson, the wife of local businessman, C. H. Thompson. With a suggestion from Councilwoman Linda Schilling and the help of Ruth Aldrich and Tim Benner, the fountain was finally located.

Early this year, Mayor Clark contacted Tim Benner for help in getting the fountain up and running. Donations from the Mantua Yacht Club provided the paint and repairs and Atlantic Gardens donated a new pump. Tim Benner, Brandon Dwyer from Atlantic Gardens and the Village Service Department worked many hours and have finally gotten this beautiful and historic fountain on display once again for the enjoyment of everyone.

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## "THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POTATO FESTIVAL"

Just 5 short weeks until this year's Potato Festival. Dates are September 7<sup>th</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>, held at Buchert Park on High Street. There will be rides and food galore, as well as many special events. Opening ceremonies will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

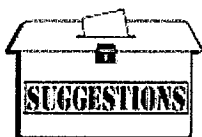
Eating contests: Friday, 8 pm - Potato Chip Eating  
Saturday, 3 pm - French Fry Eating

Sunday, 4:30 - Mashed Potato Eating

Music: Friday, 8 to 11 pm - "Jersey Tribute Band" Main Stage  
Saturday, 4 to 7 pm - "Been A Long Time" Main Stage  
Saturday, 8 to 11pm - "Colin Dussaults Blues Band" Main Stage  
Sunday, 3 to 6 pm - "Rivercity Band"  
Sunday, 4 to close - "SOBOS" Main Stage

For The Kids: Saturday & Sunday, 1 pm - Duck Races on the Cuyahoga River  
Saturday 1 pm - Potato Sack Race at the sand pit  
Saturday 4 to 7 pm - Balloon Art

Special Events: Saturday, 8:30 am Potato Stomp (High School)  
Saturday, 6 pm - Bake-Off Awards & Auction  
Sunday, 2 pm - Parade begins at the High School  
Sunday, 5 pm - Parade awards  
Sunday, 7 pm - Raffle Drawing



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, 4650 W. High St., P. O. Box 775, 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



**Event Schedule for the Village of Mantua  
August September and October**

**August 2012**

10<sup>th</sup> Music in the Mini Park 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

27<sup>th</sup> Open House Crestwood Schools  
Primary and intermediate 5:30 to 7:30  
Middle and High School 6:00 to 8:00

28<sup>th</sup> First day of School for Crestwood

**September**

3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day Holiday

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Potato Festival at Village Park  
7<sup>th</sup> hours are 6p.m. to 11 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> hours are 11a.m. to midnight  
9<sup>th</sup> hours are 11a.m. to 7p.m.  
Contact number 330-274-0770

**October**

28<sup>th</sup> Halloween in Shalersville  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween in Mantua Village 6p.m. to 8p.m.  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween in Mantua Township  
Halloween in Hiram Village