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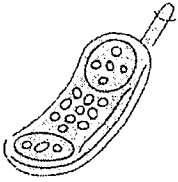


## "GREETINGS"

Well, we had an exceptionally brutal winter, followed by a very wet spring, and a blazing hot summer, and a pleasant, though slightly damp, fall!!! I wonder what Mother Nature has in store for us this winter.

This issue covers November, December & January, 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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| <b>EMERGENCY</b> .....   | <b>911</b>     |
| 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   |
| Trash Pickup:            |                |
| J & J Refuse.....        | 800-201-0005   |
| P. C. Recycling.....     | 330-678-8808   |

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

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"THE MAYOR'S CORNER"



I asked Diane Hura, our terrific Mantua Matters Editor to put a little picture of someone jumping for joy, as it has finally happened and isn't it wonderful to see the parking lot full at the old Eaton Plant, which is now THE NEW COMPASS PACKAGING PLANT!!!! Owner Phil Rath purchased the plant in late September and they are now up and operational. Phil shared with a number of us at the recent Chamber Meeting, that when he was in the building in Parkman it was always referred to as the "OLD blank" building. I promised him that once his sign goes up, which should be soon, that we would all work to call it the "Compass Packaging building". Let's welcome Phil and all his employees to our Village family. A date hasn't been set for the grand opening just yet; I will try to let you know once it's set.

Speaking of grand openings, on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> Italian Gardens held their ribbon cutting ceremony. A recent study of our available business spaces shows that we have a 90% occupancy rate!! We also have another new business on its way and monies have already exchanged hands!! I spoke with Mantaline's CEO Mark Truschel and he shared with me that Mantaline is doing fantastic, with many new recent hires.

The Volunteer Spirit is alive and well in the Village of Mantua, thanks so much to Rick Frato of Edward Jones and the DMRC for this year's Music in the Mini Park. It was wonderful to see the Mini Park used in such a wonderful way. Speaking of Volunteer Spirit, in September, 40 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Hiram spent hours working with myself, our Cemetery Trustees, Cookie Vanek and Kim Block at our Hillside Cemetery. Trees and bushes were trimmed, gravesides were weeded and spruced up, a large selection of perennials donated by Lowe's in Streetsboro were planted by the Mausoleum and other areas around the Cemetery. It was so badly needed and so much appreciated. We worked hard and fast and managed to do the entire Cemetery in about 4 hours. It is true what my grandmother used to say, "many hands make light work!!" Thank-you, Bishop Herman!!

You may recall last issue I described a program that I implemented and Council passed legislation for in June of this year. That is what I refer to as septage sales, a program that allows our largest expense, our Wastewater facility, our

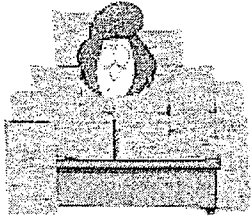
sewer plant to become a Cash Generator. I did this by allowing waste haulers that pick up at facilities such as nursing homes, trailer parks, and other sometimes larger and often smaller pick up points, to bring it to our sewer plant and after sampling, dump it into our facility. You may recall that we received OEPA permission as well as the go ahead from our own Village Engineers to do this. Now, for the good news, since July with only 3 contractors utilizing this service we have invoiced for \$14,000 in just 3 months, with \$7,200 in September alone. Right now, we are purposefully keeping it small and manageable, during the start up period. Our Village Administrator estimates that at our current rate of sales, this should bring in approximately \$50,000 a year. This is fantastic! The benefit is this... year after year our Clerk Treasurer has had to pull large sums of money from the general fund to supplement the debt that is paid on the wastewater facility of \$315,000 each year. Now, this vicious cycle should stop, and we can start concentrating on getting our streets repaired!!

With Fall upon us, that means the Holidays are right around the corner too. This year The Rotary will once again host their Christmas Tour of Homes, beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>. Trick or Treat is Halloween day Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> and local Scout Troop 570 will be hosting this years, "The Great Pumpkin Roll"

Well it is hard to believe that almost 4 years have come and gone, since I became your Mayor, I want to thank-you for the opportunity you gave me in 2007 to serve. I am looking forward to the next term. I took my commitment to you very seriously and I can say without a doubt, I did my best. I pressed forward to ensure that the Village of Mantua moved forward, I can tell you that we did. The Village in the last four years has moved forward quite dramatically in many areas. Financially, we are now in the black, Volunteerism is up all around, our Business district grew with 10 new businesses. Times were tough but we persevered and now there is a sense of excitement, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of anticipation. We have come so far and the future lays directly ahead of us. I wish for you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season and all the wonderful things in life, Thank-you and may God richly bless you!!

.....Mayor Donna

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"A NOTE FROM JENNY"

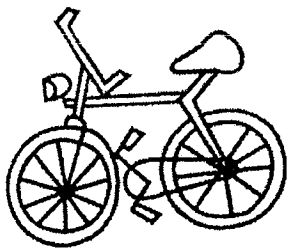
First of all, I want to remind everyone to get out there and vote! The Portage County Board of Elections has a great website. Just go to www.co.portage.oh.us/election/index.html and click on "current election". You can read all of the issues that will be on our local ballots. I will warn you that issue 2 is about 50 pages long, but worth reading so you know what you are really voting for. Your vote matters!!

I would like to give a great big WELCOME to Compass Packaging, our new business in town. I can't begin to express how happy I am to see activity in that building again. I feel that they have chosen a great location in a community that is excited to have them here.

We have made some meeting changes to accommodate the holiday season. The November Council meeting has been moved up to Nov. 8th, and the December Council meeting has been moved up to Dec. 13th. Do you want to discuss something or share an idea? The public is always welcome to join us. Our committee meetings are posted on our website, www.mantuvillage.com.

Now that the water and sewer payments are being made in this office, we are getting to visit with many people that we rarely got to see. It has been a pleasure! Sue and I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year as well!

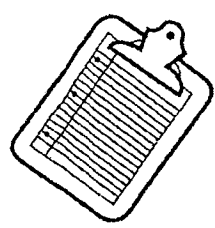
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## "ABANDONED BICYCLES"

Over the summer, the Police Department has recovered several bicycles that have been left abandoned or found in the Village. These bicycles are desperately looking for their owners. If you, your family or friends are missing a bike, please contact us at 330-274-2251. If the bicycles are not claimed, they will be destroyed. They can be seen at the Police Department, 4650 W. High Street.

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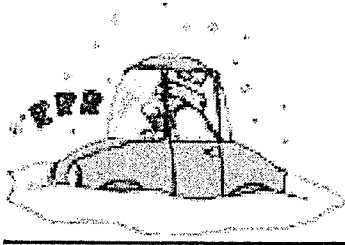


"POLICE REPORT"

This report covers the months of July, August and September

Total Cases:.....	241
Traffic/Parking Cites:.....	113
Warnings:.....	227
Criminal Arrests:.....	19
Calls to Dispatch-Mantua Police.....	1044
Calls to Dispatch-Mantua Fire.....	807
Calls to Dispatch-Hiram.....	663
Total Mileage:.....	8464
Mutual Aid Calls:.....	55
Officer Hours Worked:.....	2111
Dispatch Hours Worked:.....	2609
Citizen/Motorist Assists:.....	70
Open Doors/Windows:.....	19
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:.....	64
House Checks.....	320
Bar Checks:.....	20
Water/Sewer Plant Checks:.....	148
Reservoir Checks:.....	127
Lift Station Checks:.....	535

Most warnings were issued for moving traffic violations, registration and equipment. Criminal arrests were for assault, domestic violence, plus drug and alcohol offenses.



"CAR SAFETY FOR THE WINTER"

"Ohio's winters are known for their unpredictability," commented Chief Buchert. "I suggest you take the following precautions in order to stay safe on the road:"

1. Pay attention to weather reports
2. Keep your gas tank at least half full
3. When it's icy, avoid parallel parking, since it's easier to get stuck when you have to turn your wheels.
4. Don't stop or start suddenly. Pump your brakes gently to stop. If you start to slide, always steer in the same direction that the rear of your auto is going.
5. If your door locks freeze, heat your key—don't pour hot water in the lock—it'll just freeze too.

Chief Buchert mentioned that preparing an emergency kit for your car is also a good idea. Include items such as: blankets, extra clothing, dry rations (raisins, nuts, candy), a flashlight with extra batteries, flares, a steel shovel and sand in case you are stuck, and waterproof matches with candles.

The Chief said that the best protection from problems with winter driving is Winterizing your car—get a tune up, consider snow tires or chains. Chief Buchert concluded that winter driving does not have to be a hazardous undertaking. A few simple precautions can prevent accidents from happening and keep you prepared just in case they do occur.

..... Chief H. W. Buchert
Mantua Police Department

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## "FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT"

It has been brought to my attention that there were some concerns with my staff during September, with regards to Tree Trimming in the PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. This is an ongoing concern for my office for 2 reasons. 1) As Village Administrator, I need to keep assured clear and unobstructed visibility on all Mantua Village streets, intersections and alleys that are dedicated throughways, and 2) keeping tree/bush foliage from protruding into throughways and causing damage to any and all motorized vehicles that travel such areas.

I believe that tree trimming will result in a much safer and more visual atmosphere for all who travel through our Village. Mantua Village Ordinance 909.02 - referencing Trimming Trees and Shrubs - is very well-outlined.

The service we provided is a proactive, not a reactive, approach with fall and winter just around the corner. We understand that this is sometimes an inconvenience and if you have any thoughts or suggestions that can help with this process in the future, please let us know. This is a tax-paying maintenance service, but keep in mind that there is a responsibility on the part of the property owner.

Note that when branch piles are put out for chipping, we do not pick up any material that has thorns or is in the Barberry family. Also, please stack piles with cut ends at the street's edge. (Remember that we allow only 20 minutes per property front.)

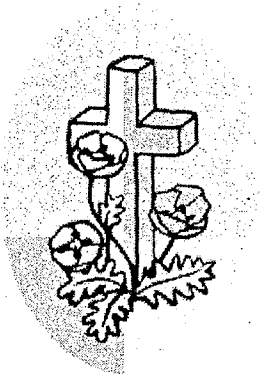
On another note, I would like to thank our residents for their patience with our street paving project, though it was limited due to our economy. I will continue the effort of street re-surfacing, with continued help from our Village Administration.

If there are any questions regarding the services that the Department provides, please do not hesitate to contact my office, so that I am made aware of such concerns. And know that I will understand and/or correct these concerns if they are within my ability.

.....Anthony J. Fiorilli, III  
Village Administrator



*Why is it that it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?*



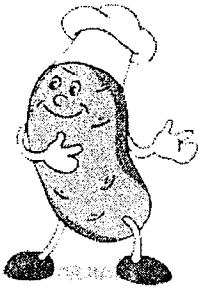
### "NEWS FROM THE CEMETERY"

Hillside Cemetery recently had a great group of volunteers from the Church of the Latter Day Saints help with the general sprucing up of the Cemetery. The group numbered about 20 and included both adults and children. They brought all their own equipment including weed whackers, shovels, hoes, saws, and lots of muscle. They contacted Mayor Hawkins and asked if there was any volunteer work they could do in the Village. They worked for 3 hours and gave the cemetery a much needed trim and all around face lift.

The Cemetery Board would like to thank all the fine volunteers from the church along with Mayor Donna Hawkins, Roger Hawkins and Daryl from the Service Department. It was inspiring to see how much could be accomplished in a few hours when people work together for the betterment of the community. Thanks again.

.....Cookie Vanek and Kim Block  
Cemetery Board





## "2011 MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL"

Well, the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Mantua Potato Festival is in the books. The Potato Festival Committee would like to extend their heart-felt thanks to all those who helped us keep our heads above water, literally. Steady rains the week previous to the event and then an additional 2+ inches of rain from Friday evening through early Saturday evening definitely made it a challenge. I guess I should thank Mother Nature for sparing us Sunday and blessing us with sunshine for our Grand Parade which was a spectacular sight as usual.

Once again, our friends, neighbors and local businesses have stepped up to the plate. They have been a huge help through their generous donations and now assisting us with the clean up and restoration of the Village Park facilities. We also would like to thank the local residents who braved the mud and came out to support our event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and realize that one thing we can't control is the weather. Thanks to Mantua Village for the use of the Parks and we urge you to be patient as Mother Nature is still not cooperating with helping us to restore areas of the park to it's original condition and hopefully better by the time we finish.

Although this year has been a set back to us, realize we shall return, even bigger and better next year. We are already lining up great entertainment acts for next year's event. Saturday's top bill will be Colin Dussault's Blues Project. An award winning, harmonica driven, blues based rock and soul band, a must see band from Northeast Ohio. See you next year September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual event.

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL!!

Your Mantua Potato Festival Committee

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"ADVANCED REHABILITATION"

Fall is here! Now is the time to start thinking about one of Advanced Rehab's fun exercise classes. We have a variety of classes for all levels of exercisers, from beginner to advance.

Monday/Wednesday

6-7 am Sunrise Circuit
10-11 am Mixed Fitness

Tuesday/Thursday

8:30-9:30 am Stretch & Tone
9:45-10:45 am Stretch & Tone
11:00-12 noon Mixed Fitness Circuit
12:30-1:30 pm Senior Exercise
4:15-5:15 pm Circuit (starting October 4)
5:30-6:30 pm Circuit

Visit our website @ www.arhs.us for more information and details about each class. We look forward to helping you meet your health needs! One month class only \$48.

Call 330-274-2747 for more information and to sign up for a class.

World class expertise with a small hometown feel!

Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists
4707 Mill Street, Mantua, Ohio 44255
330-274-2747



THE MANTUA TRAILHEAD FOR THE HEADWATER'S BIKE AND HIKE TRAIL

Why does the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation care about the Headwaters Bike and Hike Trailhead down by Mantaline on Prospect St? It is the connecting link from other communities to our downtown. Bikers and hikers travel from Garrettsville or Hiram to Mantua and when they hit "the bridge" by Mantaline and Advanced Rehab, they can then travel up the hill to the businesses in downtown Mantua.

For those of you who may not have noticed the "trailhead" had become overgrown with weeds and trees. However, thanks to the efforts and muscle power of a number of DMRC members, the trailhead now looks more inviting to the outdoor enthusiast. On Monday, August 29, 2011 a mighty group of eight volunteers manned their chainsaws, weed eaters, mowers, graffiti removal products, clippers, etc. to weed and clean the trailhead. Thank you to Jim & Pat Oster, Jodie Fiala, Kim Sumwalt, Ellie Stamm, Michelle Barnauskas, Jim Rogers and Aaron Snopek! It looks great.

Also, the DMRC is working with Chris Craycroft and the Portage County Park District on improving the way-finding signage for the trail system. Hopefully, in the near future, visitors to the area will be able to find our beautiful trail with better signage systems.

If you are not familiar with our wonderful bike and hike trail, please take the time to travel down Prospect to the Curve by Mantaline and take a walk over the bridge and down the trail. You also can take a beautiful hike behind McDonald's toward Mennonite Road.

Our request however - - - if you are walking your dog please come prepared. There are bags at the trailhead, but in case the container is empty please have your own disposable bag available. You may dispose of the bag in the waste container.

Currently, the kiosk and the trailhead paths leading up to the bridge from the parking area off Prospect are being upgraded. This will not interfere with your use of the trail. We look forward to having this project completed prior to winter.

Come and Enjoy this wonderful feature of our Village. See you on the trail!

..... Edie Benner, DMRC President



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



"MANTUA VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB"

As cold weather begins to settle in, gardeners need to dig and remove the tender flowering bulbs of summer. Some of these are tuberous begonia, canna, dahlia, gladiola, acidanthera and caladium. The bulbs can stand a first freeze, but should be dug soon after. They are not like spring-flowering bulbs which need a lengthy period of freeze to bloom.

Once dug, the bulbs need to be dried down and stored until spring. They need to be dry, but ventilated. A woven potato or onion bag works well. A zip lock bag will destroy the bulbs by retaining too much water around the bulb. A shoe box with holes to allow air circulation can also be used. Layering the bulbs with vermiculite is helpful. They can be stored in a cool corner of the basement or in a crawl space. Replant in early spring for beautiful decorative flowers.

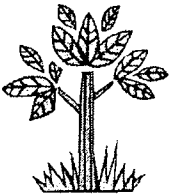
You are all welcome to meet with us in the spring - our first meeting will be in March. Meetings continue through to December. Some will be at noon for lunch and others in the evening for those who work. All of the programs are interesting

and some will feature professional gardeners who help us with do-it-yourself projects. For more information call our President, Patsi Gast at 330-274-2124.

.....Emma Leferink, Publicity
(330-274-8749)



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



"VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP"

Did you know that Mantua Village has a memorial walkway? The hill leading to Crestwood High School has trees planted on either side. This tradition began in the 1960's with formal dedication ceremonies for the existing trees planted there.

The Mantua Village Garden Club established this site as a Memorial Walkway. A relative of a deceased loved one was asked to read a memorial during the tree-planting ceremony. However, markers were never placed on the trees, so, unfortunately, that history is lost. The trees that are along the sidewalk now were each dedicated in the name of a community member, not necessarily a member of the garden club. Those early records have been misplaced or lost and the club would like to re-establish the walk and continue with this tradition.

So, if you recall hearing anything about this walkway, or know anyone who might remember, please let us know. The garden club would like to re-establish this Memorial Walkway.

Please contact Patsi Gast at 330-274-2124 with any information you might be able to provide. Thank you.

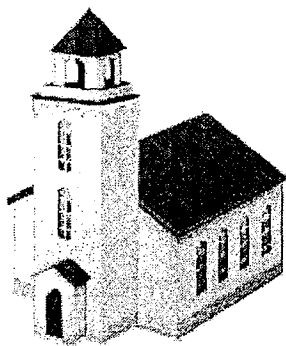


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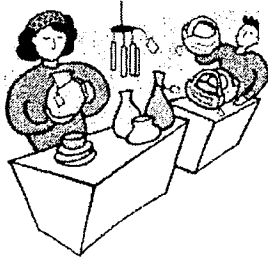
Christ Lutheran will be sponsoring their Free Community Meals on November 21, December 19 and January 16. Please come and enjoy the meal and some community fellowship. Every month will be a different menu.

Christ Lutheran will be hosting lunch during the Mantua Rotary Christmas Tour of Homes. The hours will be Friday, November 4 and Friday, November 11 from 4 - 7 PM, Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, November 12 from 11 AM - 2 PM, and on Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, November 13 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM. Please stop in and enjoy a warm lunch and check out our bake sale table. Look forward to seeing you there.

.....Barb Goodell, Publicity
Christ Lutheran Church



"NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH"



CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Don't miss one of the area's nicest Craft Shows, sponsored by the St. Joseph Garden Club. Held in Hughes Hall, the Christmas Boutique offers hand-crafted items, baked goods, raffles, door prizes, and breakfast and lunch items. Mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Garden Club Christmas Boutique to be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members of St. Joseph's Life Teen program will run the kitchen offering snacks, lunch and dessert items at one of the area's nicest craft shows in the area.



HOLIDAY MASSES

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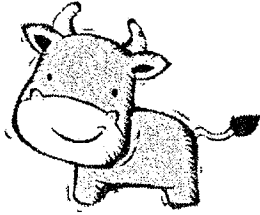
On Thursday, November 24, 2011, there will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass. We come to give thanks for our many blessings in this seasonal tradition.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

For 2011 Vigil Mass will be held on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. (the 5:00 p.m. Mass includes a children's choir). There is no midnight Mass at St. Joe's. On Sunday, December 25, there will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass for Christmas Day.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God - January 1st. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we focus on the divine motherhood of Mary whom we proclaim to be the mother of Christ and the mother of the Church. We seek God's blessings as did Mary. Because of her Son, we can confidently call God, "Abba"! Masses will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2011, and at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2012.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 49th Annual Ox Roast Fair will be July 20, 21 & 22, 2012. Plan to attend the largest, 3-day fair in Northern Portage County where you'll enjoy delicious food and find family fun for all ages. There'll be plenty of fun to keep the whole family entertained, including a wide variety of Fair food favorites, live entertainment, Friday night fireworks, air-conditioned dining hall, an assortment of rides, games, contests, and giveaways, souvenir shirts & hats, tractor, truck & semi pulls, trade booths, indoor casino with instant bingo, and much, much more.

You won't want to miss St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair - not your typical church festival! For more information, please check our St. Joseph's website www.stjosephmantua.com/stjosephox.html or phone the parish office at 330-274-2253.

.....Kathi Trares



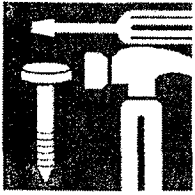
"ITALIAN GARDEN"

This company was established in 1997 in Garrettsville and has since been providing outstanding service and quality products. Their specialty is pizza, using homemade recipes for the pizza and sauces. Dough is made fresh daily and everything is made to order.

They have opened a second location in Mantua at 10511 Main St. and we are delighted to welcome them to our community. I stopped by their website - italiangarden.biz - and it contains much information, including a menu and listing of their specials.

Their hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday 11 am to 10 pm and Sunday Noon to 8 pm.

Again, we welcome Italian Garden to Mantua and wish them the best of luck!



"JANSON BROS., LLC"

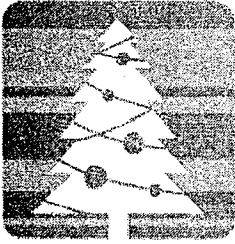
On August 1, 2011, brothers Gary and Erick Janson, opened the doors of Janson Brothers at 10612 Main St. in Mantua. This location was the previous home of Mantua Hardware, owned and operated by Paul Janson. Paul moved his fabrication business, Design Fabricators, to Mantua Corners selling the hardware business to his nephews, Gary & Erick.

They have made minor changes to the hardware part of the business and made a major addition of lawn, garden and yard equipment. They have added a full-service small engine repair facility which also offers welding and fabrication. This facility will service lawn mowers, other lawn equipment as well as ATV and motorcycle service and repair.

They will have name brands such as, Toro, Echo, Shindaiwa and Bass Pro products. If they don't have what you're looking for, they can get it. Stop by and check out the large showroom stocked with all manner of lawn equipment.

They are open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. They can be reached by calling 330-274-2500. We are pleased to welcome them to our community and wish them much success!

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## "CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES"

The Rotary Club of Mantua will again sponsor the 2011 Tour of Homes. There will be 4 decorated homes, Lunch available at the Christ Lutheran Church, and Craft Show at TL Express (old Village school on Main St.)

Hours are: November 4 and 11 from 4pm to 8pm, November 5 and 12 from 10am to 4pm and November 6 and 13 from 12:30pm to 4pm. There will be a special Candlelight Tour and Reception on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is limited to 150 tickets and reservations are necessary.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold the day of the tour at Mantua Station Drugstore Caboose. For information and reservations for special tour call 330-274-2376.

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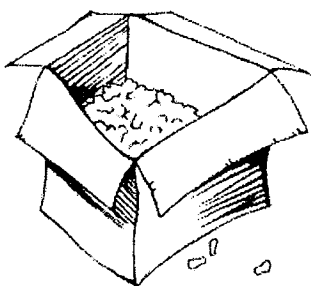
"MANTUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY"

The Mantua Historical Society meets the third Sunday of every month at the Mantua Township Town Hall on the Green at the corner of Mantua Center Rd. and St. Rt. 82. Our meetings start at 7pm with programs to be announced in the newspapers. Refreshments will be served.

We will have a meeting in November and January. We are not planning on meeting in the month of December.

We have DVD's, historical booklets, a History of the Ravenna Arsenal book, and our latest book, the Diary of Elias Harmon covering the early 1800's in Mantua. We also have many Speedometers for sale for \$3.00 and a few Redbooks. All of these products are on display and for sale at the meeting. The museum is open before and after every meeting.

.....Lois Summerlin



MANTUA WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS"

Moving into the empty Eaton building is Phil Rath, owner of Compass Packaging. Relocating his business from Parkman, OH, he is combining 2 locations into the Main Street facility. He brings 54 employees and is operating 2 shifts.

Compass Packaging was established in 2003. It is a family-owned, fully-equipped, multi-shift manufacturing facility, committed to providing superior service and quality to their customers. They specialize in custom corrugated items, wood pallets, packaging and printing.

We are pleased to welcome them to our community and wish them good luck and much success.





"HELPFUL HINTS FOR WINTER"

Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

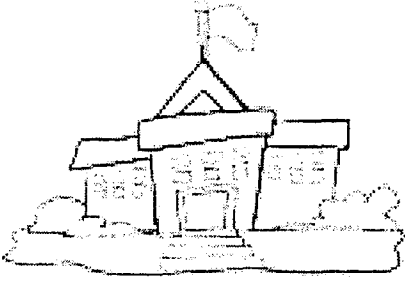
Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing.

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems solved!



Crestwood Local Schools Achieves Excellent Rating - All 26 State Indicators Met

Crestwood Local Schools has earned an Excellent rating from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2010-2011 school year. Crestwood is one of only two school districts in Portage County to meet all 26 State indicators.

In addition to the 24 State testing results for different grade levels, the district also exceeded the State's attendance rate and graduation rate standards.

"This is a great accomplishment for our students, staff and community," said Crestwood Superintendent Joe Iacano. "We have a mission to meet the needs of every child, every day. Clearly, we are succeeding and providing a top-quality education to our students."

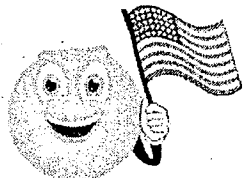
In addition to the overall Excellent rating, each building within the district also earned an Excellent rating. This year's state report card is an improvement from last year when the district earned an Effective rating.

"The Board of Education is very pleased with the results; and we applaud our students, staff, parents and administrators for achieving this prominent rating," said David Becker, President, Crestwood Local Schools Board of Education. Crestwood's operating millage is among the lowest in Portage County, yet we continue to improve the quality of education that prepares our students for success in college and the workforce."



"NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY"

The Mantua Legion Auxiliary will present the "Antique Road Show" at the Village Park Lodge on Sunday, November 13th at 1:00 pm. (Doors will open at noon). Mike Tontimonia and Darryl McGuire, certified auctioneers and appraisers, will be on hand to suggest value of your precious antiques. Appraisals will cost \$5 per item or \$10 for 3 items (3 item limit). A light lunch will be available according to Kathleen (Pat) Miller, Chairman of the event. For more information, please call her at 330-274-8606. Profits will be used by the Auxiliary for Veteran and Youth Projects.



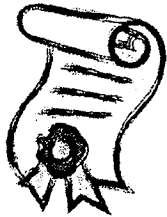
The Legion and Auxiliary reminds you of the special patriotic program to be held by the students at Crestwood Primary School on Bowen Road on November 11th at 9:30 a.m. You will be pleasantly surprised to see the decorated halls, listen to wonderfully presented patriotic songs by the second grade chorus and other entertainment by the youngsters. Veterans are urged to attend (in uniform, if possible) along with the public. It's FREE and will surely be heartwarming! The Intermediate School will hold a flag raising at 9 am, in the area between the two buildings at the Bowen Road Schools. Don't miss this beautiful tribute to our country's veterans.



Remember, the Legion/Auxiliary Soup Suppers are the first Friday of each month at 6 pm—September through May. Homemade soups, desserts, salads and hot dog bar are available for only \$6.00 (\$3.00 for children).



The Legion and Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 11th from 5 to 8 pm at the Village Park Lodge. Members and their families are asked to bring a dish to pass for the Pot Luck Dinner and a donation of canned or paper products for the 4 C's. Meat & beverage will be furnished.



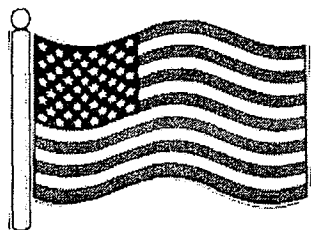
Department awards were passed out at the annual Department Legion/Auxiliary Convention held in June. Virginia Gharky, Auxiliary President, received State recognition for her monthly Legion/Auxiliary newsletter. Also receiving an award and plaque for her work as "Poppy" Chairman was Sharon Steiner. With the help of volunteers from Post 193, this year's Poppy Collection was record breaking! All Poppy money is used only for Veterans projects. Kathleen (Pat) Miller received recognition for her scrapbook of Unit 193 activities that were published in newspapers.



Sharon Steiner is also Chairman of the "Gift Boxes" project that are sent to Crestwood service men and women overseas. Please get names and complete addresses to her at 330-274-8375. The gift boxes contain comfort items for either men or women and are VERY WELL received by those in "Harms Way".

Kathleen (Pat) Miller

American Legion Auxiliary



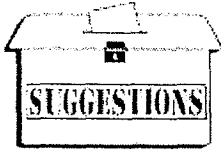
In 1980, the Mantua American Legion Post 193 decided that Mantua Village could use American flags along its streets. Past Commanders, Earl Miller, Harry Kotkowski, Roy Mayfield and Frank Hammel, took on the project. The Legion only had \$84.00 in its treasury, so they went to the public and raised the funds to buy new flags, poles and hangers. Mantua folks responded and Old Glory still flies along the streets of the Village. At the same time, the Post gave 5 flags each to Mantua Township and Shalersville Township. Harry Kotkowski made the flag holders.

Since then, Post 193 has maintained the Village flags. They put them up in May and take them down before Halloween. This summer's wind storms have "done a real number" on the flags. The problem is that the Flag Fund is very low. Again, we are asking for contributions for new flags (and poles where needed). Checks may be made out to the American Legion Post 193 and sent to P. O. Box 252, Mantua, OH 44255.

DID YOU KNOW? In addition to the flag project, Post 193 has many meaningful projects which benefit veterans, their families, school, community, area and State activities. Post 193 acts as Honor Guard for veteran funerals when requested. They often assist as Honor Guard at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. When you drive through that beautiful National Cemetery, please note the impressive "Highway of American Flags" - Post 193 donated one of the 20' poles and flag.

The Post meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, September through May, at 7:30 pm. Veterans of all ages are welcome to attend. Post home is located at 4808 E. High St. next to the Village Park Lodge.

Kathleen (Pat) Miller
Robert Gharky, Commander



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.

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 February 2012!

Diane Hura, Editor