

# THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Manhattan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CROP Walk



We are preparing for our Third Annual Chamber Box Decorating Contest in support of the Manhattan CROP Walk and Manhattan Food Pantry. We are partnering again with the Manhattan Food Pantry, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Manhattan United Methodist Church, Wilton Center Federated Church and Sanctuary Lutheran Church to raise awareness about the millions of people who go to bed hungry each day.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Together with the Manhattan Food Pantry, our churches are hoping to receive food donations for the Church World Service, an international organization devoted to hunger relief efforts, as well as for our own Manhattan Food Pantry. The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011, and will begin at Wilson Creek Elementary. Registration will start at 1:30pm with a step off of 2:00pm. If you are interested in participating in this year's walk, please contact Pastor Carol of St. Paul's UCC at 815-478-4900 or Pastor Kim of Manhattan United Methodist Church at 815-478-3285. You can also register online at [www.cropwalkonline.org/manhattanil](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/manhattanil).

#### How can my Business Help the CROP Walk?

Just like past years, your business can help by decorating a cardboard box or creating a display to raise awareness about

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## President Message (Cont.)

hunger. Simply place the decorated box in your place of business to accept food donations. We ask that boxes be on display no later than Monday, October 10, 2011, which will allow for one week of food collection by residents and community members who come to your business. The Manhattan Food Pantry volunteers will travel to each business who wishes to participate to take pictures to pick out the box that they feel raises the most awareness about hunger.

The Manhattan Food Pantry volunteers will judge each box on creativity and message content. The winner of the box decorating contest will receive an employee lunch pizza party worth \$50.00 sponsored by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce. All boxes will be picked up after the CROP Walk and their donated items and will be given to the Manhattan Food Pantry.

What a great way to get involved in your community! Please contact the Chamber office if you wish to participate, or email me directly at [dhuelsman@fnbmanhattan.com](mailto:dhuelsman@fnbmanhattan.com).

### In Other Chamber News!

A reminder that Bingo resumes this month! Our first Bingo date is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Bingo will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Wilson Creek Elementary on Gougar Rd. in Manhattan (unless the school is closed.) A list of dates will be available on our website. Doors open for the Early Bird game at 6:00pm. Regular games will begin at 6:30pm. We will be having Integrated Physical Medicine of New Lenox as our Business Spotlight for our first Bingo game of the year. Curves in Manhattan will be "spotlighted" on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, if you are looking for a chance to advertise your business at no cost, sign up for one of our Bingo Business Spotlights! Just provide us with your business information, any specials or coupons you wish to offer, or just a brief "about us" and we will gladly share that information with our Bingo group! Or, if you are just looking for some fun and entertainment with friends, come out and join us while we play Bingo!

We will also be having our September Business after Hours at the Manhattan Fire Protection District on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Chief Dan Forsythe will be speaking. Come out for a bit of social networking, appetizers, and to catch a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes at our local prominent fire station! We look forward to seeing you there!

### Our Shout Outs!

A big thank you to Drs. Jeff and Christa Pietrzyk of Illinois Eye Associates and Dr. Bill Wild and his wife Mary Anne of Grand Prairie Animal Hospital for hosting our joint Business After Hours on August 3, 2011. Chamber members were welcomed into both businesses where they learned firsthand the talents and practices of our local eye and veterinary doctors.

President Message (Cont.)

H&R Block deserves a hand for sponsoring our last Movies in the Park night which was held on August 17, 2011. Gnomeo and Juliet was played and H&R Block's generous donation allowed for our movie-goers to have free popcorn during the movie. Thank you to their volunteers who helped with concessions! We hope all who came to watch the movie had a great time despite the warm evening!

**Feel Like Getting Involved?**

As I previously mentioned, we have some directors who are stepping down for the 2012 year, thus creating some open Director positions on the Chamber board. If you are interested in learning more about what a Director position entails, please contact me at 815-478-6058 or [dhuelsman@fnbmanhattan.com](mailto:dhuelsman@fnbmanhattan.com) or the Chamber office 815-478-3811

Please also look for us on Facebook and on the web! [www.manhattan-il.com](http://www.manhattan-il.com)

Dianne Huelsman  
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**H & R Block volunteers for Movies in the Park are Cindy Wiewiora & Elizabeth Long**

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## Business after Hours for August



Dr Jeff Pietrzyk of Illinois Eye Associates



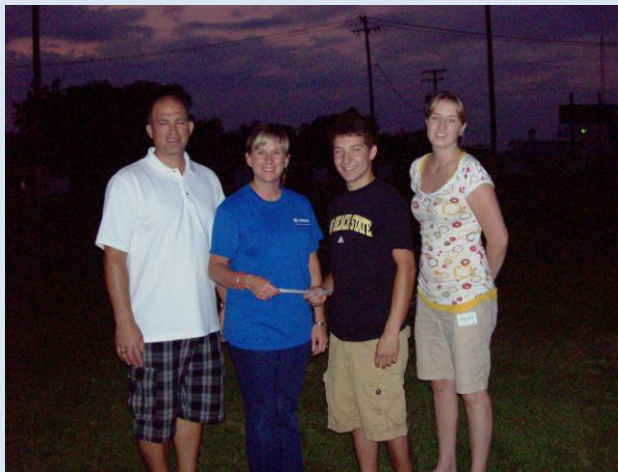
(l-r) Mayor Bill Borgo, Dr. Laura Aversano, Manhattan Dental and Chamber Executive Director Glenna Johnston



(l-r) Dr. Bill Wild, Grand Prairie Animal Hospital and Dr. Christa Pietrzyk

## Scholarship Winner Announced!!!

Cory Carasco is the winner of our \$1,000 scholarship for 2011. Cory is the son of Julio and Becky Carasco of Manhattan and is a 2011 graduate of Lincoln-Way Central High School. He will be attending California State University – Long Beach, CA. Our candidates for the scholarship all have over a 3.0 grade point average and demonstrated a dedication to community services. Cory will major in Communications. The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce congratulates Cory and his outstanding achievement and we all wish him the very best.



(l-r) Board Member Dr. Brian Murphy, Chamber Vice President Shelly Lewis  
Scholarship recipient Cory Carasco and Board Member Janine Podgorny

## The Founders Day Parade Grand Marshalls

The Grand Marshalls for this year's Founders Day parade included citizens that have been born and raised in Manhattan and have seen firsthand Manhattan's growth and changes through the years. They are some of Manhattan's most prominent citizens who have gathered to help us celebrate the Village's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This year, Mr. Glenn Borden and Mrs. Jeanne (Henry) Gregg rode in the The Grand Marshall Car, a 1976 Cadillac El-Dorado which was donated by Mr. Rick Gallagher of Bit O'Blarney Pub and driven by Mr. Brian Johnston.

Glenn Borden, a retired farmer, was born in 1920, and has been a lifelong resident of Manhattan. He is the youngest child of Frank and Lillie Corp Borden, and grew up on a farm on Rt. 52 which later became Benck's Turf Nursery. Later, Mr. Borden and his wife Olidene raised four children on a farm at the corner of Baker and Cedar Roads. He is now the proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Mr. Borden has a lifelong interest for collecting Native American artifacts and arrowheads.

Mrs. Jeanne Gregg was born and raised in Manhattan. She and her husband Joseph had one daughter and she is the proud grandmother of 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Mrs. Gregg worked at the First Bank of Manhattan and has been a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She loves bridge and crossword puzzles.



Grand Marshall's Mrs. Jeanne Gregg and Mr. Glenn Borden




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## Founders Day Parade Grand Marshalls (cont.)

Those marshalls who could not ride in the parade included Mrs. Margaret Flatt, Mrs. Blanche Gill, and Mrs. Esther Seeley.

Mrs. Flatt was born in 1913, and lived in Wilton Center before moving to Manhattan. She and her husband Marvin, married 57 years, raised 3 children. Mrs. Flatt now has 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. She makes needle point crosses for the soldiers as part of the Operation Care Package and also sold Avon for 45 years. Mrs. Flatt is a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Gill was born in 1916, and is a lifelong resident of the Manhattan area. She and her husband, Milton, were married 57 years and were farmers until they retired and moved into the village. Together they had 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. She is also a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Seeley was born in 1918, and lived in Elwood before moving to Manhattan. She was married to Robert for 47 years and had 3 children, 3 grand children and 5 great grand children and 5 great great grand children! A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Esther also had 2 businesses in Manhattan – the Royal Blue Grocery Store for 5 years and Esther's Beauty Salon for 40 years until she retired. She now leases the space to Manhattan Style Unlimited.

We would like to thank all of our Grand Marshalls for being a part of the 2011 Manhattan Founders Day Parade.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, the board members would like to thank all of our entries in this year's Founders Day Parade. We would like to acknowledge our winners in the following categories that were chosen based on creativity and representation of the spirit of the day. This year's theme was "The Great Outdoors," but we also celebrated the Village's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Antique/Classic Car: Mr. Fred Wilhelmi's 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible

Antique Tractor: Donald Werner/Werner Farms 2 tractors: a 1974 IHC-1466 and a 1969 IHC-1256

Business: HomeStar Bank and Financial Services

Organization/Not for Profit: (Manhattan CROP Walk) organized by St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Manhattan United Methodist Church, Wilton Center Federated Church, Sanctuary Lutheran Church, Manhattan Food Pantry and Manhattan Women's Club

Special Entry: The Bank of Brothers Pipes and Drums

Thank you again for your participation and thank you to all who came to watch the parade this year!

## FOUNDERS DAY PARADE



To see more pictures from the Founder's Day Parade, please visit the Chamber website at [www.manhattan-il.com](http://www.manhattan-il.com).



Please join us in the stadium stands at **Lincoln-Way High School District #210** for Friday night football at its best. Sophomore games start at 5:00 p.m. with varsity games following at approximately 7:30 p.m. Homecoming football games are as follows: **September 23** – Central, East, and North high schools; **September 30** – West High School. See you there!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	5:30pm
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Business after Hours Manhattan Fire Station Speaker: Chief Dan Forsythe	5:30pm
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Business after Hours Doc's Pharmacy/ Provena Medical Speakers: Dr. Rushia Butler, M.D.	5:30pm
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm



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