

# THE NITTY GRITTY



## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

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### Events

- Jan 21, 9 am—noon, recycling trailer
- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:30 am; Sunday School, 10:30 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Christ UMC, 10 am

On December 19, members of the Portage Lions Club, undertook the tough job of judging outdoor holiday decorations of all homes in the village of Portage. This was not an easy task. All buildings within the village limits are automatically entered.

The winner for the 2016 contest was Archbold Equipment for their Rudolph inspired tractor decorations. Dale had won second place in the 2014 competition. Club members appreciated the uniqueness of this lighting project. Archbold Equipment received \$50.



Second place went to Michelle Harris, 108 E Water St. Michelle used a variety of lights to highlight her house and included lighted animals. Michelle won \$30.

Third place and \$20 went to Gary and Connie Deutschman, 123 N Findlay Pike. Gary, as he has for several years, sets up a large number of lights and lighting displays.



All three winning homes also received a hand decorated wreath.

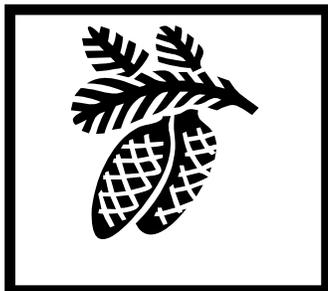
## Village Council News

All streets in Portage are snow streets. Snow gets plowed if it accumulates a couple inches or more. Keep vehicles off the streets so they don't get blocked with the snow plowing.

One last call for a VERY part-time job right around Portage Village helping Joe with tasks when he needs help. Send a note to Village Hall, or catch up with Mark Wolford & give it to him. Thanks for the responses we gotten already!

The siren has been interesting since Halloween...Thanksgiving...work began for its replacement—searching for grant programs, equipment, and process to follow. Thanks Scott!

Carl Crawford



# Martin Luther King Day

## January 16

### Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for one hour. If you need food come, and get what you need. If you are interested in seeing our changes, come and visit us. We have a whole new set up and a lot more variety of food items as well as some non-food items (like shampoo, soap, etc). Visit us at 301 West Main Street, located within Christ UMC. If you are interested in helping, bring donations during pantry hours.



Come early for Bible Study starting at 9 am.

The Nitty Gritty is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Send comments and suggestions to portagelions@dacor.net.

## Unusual Paragraph Riddle

This is a most unusual paragraph.

How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary, you'd think nothing was wrong with it and in fact, nothing is wrong with it. It IS unusual, why? Study it. Think about it and you may find out. Try to do it without coaching. If you work at it for a bit, it will dawn on you. So Jump to it! Try your skill at figuring it out! Good Luck—Don't blow your cool!

### RECYCLING TRAILER



Cardboard is now accepted at the Recycling Trailer, manned by the Lions Club every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Also accepted is glass, aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and & 7).

### Wood County Public Library

The Wood County Public Library provides a number of services for Wood County residents. One service is the Bookmobile, which visits Portage regularly, stopping at Clancy's Corner at 1:30 pm on Mondays. Some of the services available at the Bookmobile are: library card sign-up, books for both adults and children, large print materials, popular magazines, popular DVDs, and audio books. The Bookmobile schedule for the next few months:

Jan 17                      Jan 31                      Feb 14                      Feb 28

The Community Reads for 2017 returns in April with author Sherman Alexie. Some of Mr. Alexie's books are *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, and *Thunder Boy Jr.* Mr. Alexie will be giving a talk and book signing on Thursday, April 6 and 7 pm at the BGHS Performing Arts Center, 540 W Poe Rd, BW. The event is free, but ticketed due to space limitations.



Unusual Paragraph Answer: Although the letter **E** is by far the most commonly used letter in the Alphabet, there is not one in the whole paragraph!