

THE NITTY GRITTY



Village Council

Thank you to everyone that attended the Annual Portage 4th of July Parade! Thanks also for stopping by McDonald's during the benefit for Enright Park. The park received nearly \$600 in total from the benefit night and the 50/50 raffle. This year, Mrs. Keys won the drawing, and \$210! This broke the streak D&D Landscaping had, 3 wins in a row!
Carl Crawford

5 Alarm 5K Run

The Central Joint Fire District will be holding a Race for The Lung Cancer Cure on September 16, starting at 9 am. Visit their website at www.cjfd.org for more information or <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Portage/FiveAlarm5K>.



Boy Scout Half Marathon & 5K



The Erie Shores Boy Scout Council is holding their annual half marathon and 5K run on Saturday, Sep 2. The event starts and ends at the Wood County Fairgrounds. Also available is a Tiger Cub half mile run for children. Fees range from \$40—\$60 for the half marathon and \$25- \$40 for the 5K.

Go to <http://www.halfmarathons.net/ohio-boy-scout-half-marathon-tenderfoot-5k/> for more information and to sign up.

Recycling Trailer

Important Notice—Glass can no longer be accepted at the Recycling Trailer.

Recycle cardboard, aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7) at the Recycling Trailer every 3rd Saturday of the month. The recycling trailer is manned by the Portage Lions Club between 9 am to 12 noon.

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Events

- Aug 19 - Recycling, 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, 10 am; 3rd Thursday, 4 pm Christ UMC

Partial Solar Eclipse

Aug 21

Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for one hour, as well as the 3rd Thursday starting at 4 pm. 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.



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

Ohio Facts and Trivia

For a smallish state, Ohio has a lot of creative thinkers. Montgomery County, the county that Dayton is the capital of, holds more patents per capita than any other county in the entire country. Here are a few of the many things invented by Ohioans.

- ◆ The incandescent light bulb (and the many other things invented by Thomas Edison), the fluorescent tube light, arc lights and the first electric traffic light.
- ◆ The beer can and the pop can.
- ◆ The vacuum cleaner (and disposable vacuum bag), disposable diapers, Freon, and Teflon.
- ◆ Play-Doh.
- ◆ Live-virus polio vaccine, the creation of Albert Sabin.
- ◆ The airplane, the cash register, the gas mask, and the electrolytic process that made mining aluminum practical.
- ◆ Concrete street paving, safety glass, the spark plug, the tubeless tire, and the automobile self-starter.
- ◆ Book matches, the Richter scale, and removable honeycombs (which revolutionized the beekeeping industry).
- ◆ Roller bearings and the automatic railroad brakes.
- ◆ The assembly line– which many believe really originated in the slaughterhouses of Cincinnati.
- ◆ Rippled potato chips, compressed fresh yeast, the square-bottomed paper grocery bag, and the ice-cream cone rolling machine.

Living History Day

The 2017 Living History Day will be on Sunday, August 27, starting at 2:00 pm at Oak Grove Cemetery, Bowling Green. This year's honorees were chosen based on the Wood County Museum's exhibit "**Over There! Send Word, the Wood County Boys are Coming! World War I 1914-1918**" The honorees are:

- ◆ Ray Avery
- ◆ Jonathan & Addie Ladd
- ◆ Margaret Lehmann
- ◆ Milo Lybarger
- ◆ Vernon Wymer



In addition, the names of the 73 Wood County residents who lost their lives during WWI will be read by Bowling Green High School students Ethan Brown, Elaine Hudson, Devon Jackson, Kat Knoell, Thomas Long, Charlotte Perez, and Anne Weaver.