

THE NITTY GRITTY



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 in Enright Park, starting at 1 pm. Participants should meet at the Lions shelter house.

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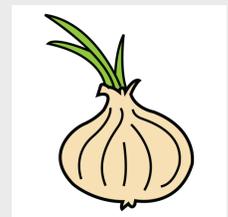
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Events

- Mar 17—Recycling, 9 am noon, recycling trailer
- Mar 25—Steak Supper, 12 noon, Christ UMC
- Apr 1—Easter Sunday
- 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; Christ UMC

Vidalia Onion Sales

The Portage Lions will be holding their annual Vidalia Onion Sales. Sales started March 12 and will run through. These are true Vidalia onions, grown in Vidalia County, Georgia. Harvest is determined by the weather, but anticipated arrival date is . Cost per bag remain the same as in the past: 10 pounds for \$10, 25 pounds for \$20. Contact any Lions club member to place your order, visit the recycling trailer on March 17, or email portagelions@dacor.net.



Village Council News

- Come to Enright Park on Saturday, April 7, to enjoy the SCA's DAY OF RANGED WEAPONRY event. Activities begin at 9 am and will continue all day until finished, 5 pm and after.
- THE OLD STREET SIGNS MAKE GREAT DÉCOR FOR THE WALL THEY ADORN! A \$10 donation to ENRIGHT PARK for each sign will give you a piece of antique Portage! Quantities are limited. Contact any council member or our mayor to get some.
- We continue the assessment of our sewer system. The paperwork portion was completed and now awaits analysis, findings, and grant searches by Feller and Finch to take the next step in the tune-up for a system that is a few years passed its half-life. Replacement of this system is hopefully many years (20?) away and may easily cost more than 7 million dollars.



Steak Supper

March 25

12 noon

Christ UMC

- Baked Steak
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Coleslaw
- Dinner Roll
- Dessert
- Beverage

\$9 adult/\$4.50 child

Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for one hour, starting at 10:00 am. 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.

Portage Yesteryear

The following article is taken from an articles in The Perrysburg Journal, dated Friday, November 22, 1912.

PORTAGE BANK ROBBED

Two of the three men who robbed the Munn bank at Portage, Wood county, of \$4,000 early Tuesday morning are believed to have escaped to Toledo. Kirk H. Brown, proprietor of a [Toledo] saloon, arrested in Bowling Green shortly before noon Tuesday, is held a prisoner in the Wood county jail, suspected of being the third member of the trio.

Shortly after 2 am the town of Portage was awakened by an explosion in the Munn bank. The first discharge was followed within a few minutes by four others.

In the meantime Miss Fern Ernsberger, telephone operator, in the building across from the bank, had been warned by the explosions. Peeping through the window of her office she saw the men in front guarding the bank.

Miss Ernsberger crawled on her hands and knees past the window to gain her switchboard without being seen, and called Sheriff Floyd Heald and bank officials and then sounded a general alarm. Sheriff Heald and his deputies arrived a few minutes after the yeggs had made good their escape.

The inside of the bank was found to have been nearly wrecked by nitroglycerin. The door of the big safe had been blown off. A knob on the vault containing books and valuable papers had been tampered with, but the vault had not been opened. Windows in the bank were blown out, and the front part of the building, occupied by the safe, was littered with scraps of safe, tools and demolished furniture.

H.K. Brown was arrested in Bowling Green shortly before noon by Sheriff Heald and Dep. Sheriff Skibble, when he was towed to a garage from a point about three miles south of Bowling Green, where his automobile had broken down. Brown had telephoned to Bowling Green for assistance, and the Wood county officers were waiting for him.

Brown protested that he had been returning to Toledo from Lima when his machine broke down. The car carried Ohio license tag No. 10133, but lying in the machine was a Michigan license tag No. 35200. Brown explained to the Wood county authorities that he found it cheaper to purchase a Michigan automobile license than a Michigan hunting license, as he frequently went hunting in that state.

A horse, stolen from the home of Ed Smith, between Portage and Bowling Green, and but a short distance from the spot where Brown's [car] broke down, was found just east of the street car barns east of Toledo about 8 am Tuesday by Dep. Sheriff John Shoecraft. The horse showed signs of abuse and was tired. Residents in the [area] reported they had seen two men alight from the rig and tie the horse, but thought nothing of the occurrence at the time.

Toledo police were notified Tuesday morning to be on the lookout for the robbers, and every avenue to the city was watched, but without success.

The wife of H.K. Brown was questioned by police Tuesday, and stated that her husband had left his saloon after he had closed for the night, about midnight Monday, stating that he was going on a hunting trip. This, police declare, would indicate that Brown had not been to Lima.