

THE NITTY GRITTY



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Events

- Feb 14—Valentine's Dau
- Feb 18—President's Day
- 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



Winterfest BG Chillabration

Bowling Green's annual Winterfest Chillabration will be held the weekend of Feb 8-9. There are several activities planned, featuring the Frozen Swamp Tent. Around the tent will be an ice garden with ice carving demonstrations, a Winter Market, live entertainment, snacks, craft beer & wine, plus carriage rides. More events will be held at the City Park, Slater Family Ice Arena, Curling Center, and the Wood County Library. Check out their website at www.winterfestbgo.com for a list of scheduled events.



The Wood County Driving Tour

To shed some light on how the Great B Black Swamp and early settlers shaped this community, many different historical and cultural agencies throughout Wood County combined efforts to produce a 32-track Driving Tour.

Whether you are a long-time resident or a visitor to Northwest Ohio, you can enjoy a scenic driving tour through Wood County's past and present. Notice the impact the Black Swamp left on the land. Learn about the adventurous lives of heroes buried in our cemeteries. Take a deeper look at the architecture and natural resources.

You can listen to the tracks on the Wood County Historical Museum website, www.woodcountyhistory.org, or pick up a CD from any Wood County Library.

McDonald's Benefit Night

**Thur, Feb 28
5 pm—8 pm**

South Main St

**Benefiting
Portage Lions**

PLEASE REMEMBER! ALL streets in the village are **SNOW STREETS**. They get plowed when it snows 2" or more, with salt at the intersections. Please keep vehicles where plowing won't be affected, and the vehicle won't get trapped, and THANK YOU

24/7 Recycling

Plastic #1-7
Flattened
Cardboard
Paper
Aluminum/Steel
Cans
Glass
No plastic bags

Agape Food Pantry

The Agape Food Pantry (formerly 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.

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

From Portage Yesteryear . . .

Reprinted from Perrysburg Journal, May 1, 1903

CRACK PORTAGE BANK FOR \$2,000

Three Men do the Work and Escape by Hand Car to Tontogany, thence North

The Munn bank at Portage, this county, was burglarized on Saturday morning, last, and \$2,900 taken.

The burglars blew open the heavy outer doors of the vault, the inner doors of the vault, and the strong box of the big "burglar-proof" safe with three separate assaults of nitroglycerine.

A blacksmith shop was broken open and a sledge and a crowbar taken, which were left in the bank

The money secured was carried to the C.H. & D.R.R. tracks about a half mile west of town, where a tool house was broken open and a hand car taken with which they made their way to Tontogany and then took the early morning train north.

People living in the vicinity of the bank heard the explosions but a first thought they were from the adjacent oil fields, but one man woke up and discovered three men about the bank. He then went back his peaceful slumbers and did not interfere with the burglars' business.

The right hand doors of the vault and the heavy door of the safe were blown from their hinges. The clock in the time lock on the safe stopped at 3:30 precisely, fixing the time of the last explosion. The burglars left a drill behind them, a saucer containing about four table spoonsful of glycerine, and a piece of fuse six inches long.

Sheriff Reece was promptly notified in the morning and is actively engaged in hunting the men. He learned that they came north to Perrysburg by train and here took an electric car for East Toledo.

Ex-sheriff Kingsbury and Station Agent Van Norman of Perrysburg, have rendered him valuable assistance in the following the thieves who came here on the early morning train and then took the 55:32 car for East Toledo.

When the car arrived at the corner of Oak and Fassett streets the three men alighted and went into Isenhart's hotel. The conductor states that after he made a round trip back to Toledo the men were still loafing in front of the place.

Several workman who were seated nearest the three suspects in the car described the eldest as about 50 years of age, dressed in a rough suite of dark brown clothes. His hair was tinged with gray and he would easily tip the scales at 200 pounds.

The other two men were aged about forty and thirty-five, respectively. The eldest was especially conspicuous, because of his height and a glass eye. He is the one supposed to be resident of North Baltimore. Both wore dark clothes. All of the men carried a package, wrapped up in his coat.

From in front of Isenhart's the trail of the three suspects ends. In the forenoon they left the vicinity, and every effort to trace them further has been unsuccessful.