

# THE NITTY GRITTY



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**Events**

- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:00 am; Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am; Christ UMC



## McDonald's Benefit Night



Portage Lions Club

Thursday  
March 19  
5 pm to 8 pm

South Main St  
Bowling Green

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**March 8**

Set clocks  
ahead 1  
hour



## Youth Soccer

Registration is now open for the spring season of D-League Youth Soccer. This program is for children ages 3-14. D-League Soccer consists of one practice night per week and six Saturday games. Dates for the program run from March 30th-May 16th. Costs are \$60 for 3-4 year olds and \$80 for ages 5-14. Participants will learn the game through various games and activities from current division one college soccer players and coaches. Participants will also receive an official D-League t-shirt! Players will need to bring their own ball, shin guards and a water bottle. All practices and games are located at the Dunbridge Soccer Fields. For more information, please view the attached form. To register, please visit [www.bgohio.org/parks](http://www.bgohio.org/parks) or call 419-354-6223.



## Vidalia Onion Sale

It's time for Portage Lions Clubs annual Vidalia Onion Sale. Onions are grown in Vidalia County, Georgia, making them true Vidalia Onions. They are available in two sizes: 10 lbs for \$10 or 25 lbs for \$20. Contact any Lions Club member to place your order, or email [portagelions@dacor.net](mailto:portagelions@dacor.net). Orders will be taken through April 13. Delivery expected to be in early May.

### 24/7 Recycling

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

### Pint Sized Prom

Attention parents and kids put on your best outfit and head over to BG Community Center for dancing, snacks, kids interactive music, games, and other fun activities. Souvenir photo with frame and goody bags will be handed out for the kids to take home. This event has an Under the Sea theme.

WHO: Children 5 and under with their parent/guardian

WHEN: Saturday March 28, 2020

TIME: 4:00pm-5:30pm

WHERE: Bowling Green Community Center, 1245 W Newton Road BG, OH 43402

COST: \$20 per pair for residents; \$24 pair for nonresidents  
 \$8 per additional child

Please register at the Community Center, 1245 West Newton Road or online by March 20, 2020! Space is limited for this event. For questions or additional information, please call (419)354-6223 or visit our website at [www.bgohio.org/parks](http://www.bgohio.org/parks).

### 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.

### St Patrick's Day History

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.



In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

The Nitty Gritty is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Send comments and suggestions to [portagelions@dacor.net](mailto:portagelions@dacor.net).

