

THE NITTY GRITTY



4th of July Parade

It is with great sadness that the Portage Lions Club have decided to **cancel** the 4th of July Parade and accompanying activities this year. As with other organized events this year, we felt that for the safety of our participants and attendees, this was the right decision.

We are looking forward to the 2021 Parade, Car Show, and activities.

.Christ United Methodist Church

Christ UMC resumed worship activities on Sunday June 7, at 9 am. The church will be following social distancing guidelines at all times. Worshipers are asked to wear a mask, if they do not have one, one will be provided to them. The church is open to all who wish to worship.

Wood County Public Library

The Wood County Public Library remains closed to visitors at this time. However, a curbside pickup service started May 18. Patrons can request books that are physically located at the library. Call 419-352-5050 to request books and movies. Pick-up times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9-5 and Thursday and Friday from 10-6. When arriving at the library, call the phone number on the sign posted in the lot. Library staff will bring the requested and place them on table outside. After library staff have returned to the building, patrons can exit their cars to retrieve items.

Digital services are available 24/7.

Items checked out before March 15 now have a due date of Jun 12. Return all items to the drop off on the north side of the building.

The 2020 Youth Summer Reading Program started June 1 and runs through July 31 and will be entirely online. Register at www.wcdpl.readsquared.com and make your way across Fairy Tale Land to Cinderella's Castle for a ball, visiting famous fairy tale landmarks along the way. Points are earned by reading and completing missions available through your ReadSquared account.

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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



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, starting at 10 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.

Wood County Committee on Aging

WCCOA remains closed to the general public through June 30. Modified services are still available. Go to www.wccoa.net for more information or call 419-353-5661. Several online programs are being offered on the WCCOA Facebook page and using ZOOM.

Also available on the WCCOA website are photos of the construction for the new building. Watch the progress from the comfort and safety of your home.

From Portage Yesteryear . . .

Excerpts from the Perrysburg Journal from Portage's past.

Sept 23, 1904

Mr. Arthur Wilson, conductor for the T.B.G. & S. Traction Co., met with a painful accident says the Tribune. While trying to unfasten the trolley pole which was fastened in the wires at Portage, he took hold of one of the wires by mistake and he received such a shock that he was thrown from the car and three of his toes broken. He will be unable to be about for some time

Fortunately he was not burned by the wire. He came to his home in Bowling Green on the next car north where he is resting comfortably.

Aug 28, 1903

PREMATURE EXPLOSION **Destroyed Derrick and Imperiled Several Lives**

The premature explosion of ten quarts of glycerine on the I.W. Shirley lease of the Knaggs farm, near Portage, Saturday, demolished an oil well derrick and barely missed killing a team of horses and two or three people. The shooter had put down a portion of the shot and was just lowering two shells of ten quarts each attached together, when the lower one became unfastened and fell down the hole, exploding some distance down. It threw out the other shell which went off as it struck the top of the derrick, 75 feet from the ground. The crown pulley barely missed the shooter's wagon which stood close by and still contained 80 quarts.

Beams and lumber were piled upon the wagon but the sensitive stuff did not explode. The men engaged in putting the shot stood in the midst of the falling and flying timbers but escaped without a scratch. The explosion shook the houses in Portage and caused considerable excitement for a time.