

# THE NITTY GRITTY



## PEACE POSTER

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Maddie DeGraw's artwork was selected as the winner of the Portage Lion's Club Peace Poster contest. The runner up was Gwen Landry. Both girls are art students at Bowling Green Middle School. Approximately twenty students participated in this year's contest.



First place winner Maddie DeGraw

Mrs. Kim Sockman coordinates the event at the middle school. She made her classroom available for the students to work on their posters after school or during academic assist time. Students may use any media to expression their vision of peace.

Both Maddie and Gwen, along with their parents, were honored recently at a dinner held Oct 27 in Portage. Both students received certificates and cash awards for their artwork. Maddie's poster will be entered in the district Lions peace poster contest. The district

covers the 11 counties of northwest Ohio and includes 48 clubs. The winning poster will be submitted to the state competition. Eventually, one winner from around the world will be selected, along with 23 merit winners.

The theme of the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest is "**Peace, Love and Understanding.**" Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.



Runner up Gwen Landry

### Events

- Nov 15, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- Nov 26, 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Food Pantry, 10:00 am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Christ UMC
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:00 am; Sunday School, 10:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Portage Lions Club meetings, 2nd and 4th Mondays, Christ UMC, 7 pm

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

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

On Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm, Christ UMC will host a Thanksgiving Eve Service. All are welcome to come and give thanks as a community for all God gives us.

Rev. Bruce McDaniel



### Food Pantry

The Portage Food Pantry reopened on Saturday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. It will be 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.....there will be shelves and a lot more different kinds 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.



### Punography

**What does a clock do when it's hungry?**

**It goes back for seconds.**

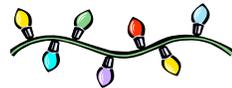
## Vision Screening

Members of the Portage Lions Club recently performed free vision screenings for preschools at Elmwood School District. This is part of an international effort by Lions to prevent blindness. Clubs throughout Ohio are focusing on screening preschool children, ages 3-5. Screenings are done using an auto-refractor and 3-D vision cards. With these tests, children are screened for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus, and anisometropia. Children who are found to have a possible vision problem, are referred for further examination with their primary care physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist. The earlier vision problems are identified, the sooner treatment can begin to lessen long term vision loss.



## Holiday Decorating Contest

It may still be November, but it is not too early to be planning your outdoor holiday display. All homes in Portage are automatically entered into a contest for the best decorated house and yard. First place will be awarded \$50, second place \$30, and third place \$20.



Judging will take place on December 22. This contest is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club.

## VILLAGE COUNCIL REMINDERS

Village Council recently passed an ordinance against solicitations. Residents should place a sign that reads "No Solicitors, Peddlers, or Canvassers Allowed" or "No Solicitations of Any Kind" in a front window or door that is easily seen. Call the Wood County Sheriff's Department at 419-354-9001 to report problems.

Do you know that the Village of Portage has a website? Check out the official village website at [www.voportage.org](http://www.voportage.org) or check them out on facebook.

## RECYCLING TRAILER

Cardboard is now accepted at the Recycling Trailer, manned by the Lions Club every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Also accepted is glass, aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7).

