

# THE NITTY GRITTY



## Annual 4th of July Parade

The Portage Lions Club are in midst of organizing the annual 4th of July Parade, with activities following in Enright Park.



There will be a **Car Show** again this year for the adults to enjoy. Each year is this is getting bigger and bigger.

We are planning on games and activities for children in the park, following the parade.



There will be the **Bike Decorating Contest**.

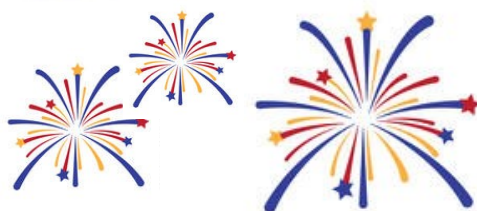
Calling all kids—bring your decorated bikes and ride in the parade.



There will be a **Bake Sale** and free hot dog lunch after the parade.

If you would like to enter a unit in the parade, contact Rose Richardson at 419-601-2985. Plan on coming out to the parade and see what is happening in the park. Parade will step off at 11:00 am on July 4.

Anyone planning on walking in the parade, needs to meet in the staging area at Whitacre Trucking at 10:30 am.



McDonald's  
Benefit  
Night

June 28  
4 pm—7 pm  
South Main St

Benefiting  
Enright Park

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### Events

- June 16 - Recycling, 9 am—noon, recycling trailer
- June 17, Father'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, Christ UMC, 10 am

# Happy Father's Day

## June 17

### Village Council News

During the Portage Council Meeting Monday, May 7, we observed a moment of silence for the two long-term residents that passed away. Their love of public service and family is very much appreciated and will remain as an example for everyone.

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm to 7 pm, help our ENRIGHT PARK Benefit Night at McDonald's, South Main, BG!

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, the Annual 4th of July Parade! Sponsored by the Portage Lions, starts at 11 am, north side of town

The 50/50 Raffle tickets benefit ENRIGHT PARK – I'll have the yellow bucket & walk down the street like I have in past years. Get some please! And then...

We will try the first YARD TRACTOR OBSTACLE RALLY RACE! On your lawn tractor, put a token in each of the nine "obstacle buckets" the quickest for the prize, another 50/50 event. A \$10 entry fee gets you on the starting line to maybe win 1/2 the pot!

Carl Crawford

### Food Pantry

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. 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.

Answers to last month's word puzzles:

1. banana split
2. land before time
3. settle down

### Final Recycling Trailer

June 16 will be the last time the recycling trailer will be placed in the village. BG Recycling Center is discontinuing the use of the monthly satellite centers and moving to permanent sites. Effective June 25, recycling will need to be taken to one of these new sites. The closest ones are located at the BG Recycling Center on N College or Portage Township at the corner of Huffman and Mermill Roads. These sites are open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The Portage Lions thanks everyone who has brought their recycling to the monthly trailer these many years. We have manned the recycling trailer for over two decades. We hope you will continue to recycle.

### Word Puzzles

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