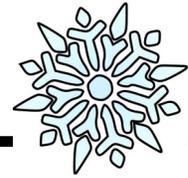


# THE NITTY GRITTY



## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

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**Events**

- Jan 21—Martin Luther King 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



Judging for the 5th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest took place on December 10. This year there was a change from the traditional first, second, and third place winners.



Instead four different categories were introduced with the winner of each category receiving \$25.

In the **Best Use of Color** category, the winner was Gary and Connie Deutschman, 123 N Findlay Pike. Gary decorates the house, garage, play equipment and had several deer decorating the yard.

Lynn and Nancy Gillian, 213 W Main St, were the winners of the **Most Creative Small Display**. Their modest use of lighting created a timeless picture.

The winners of the **Best Traditional Display** was Drew Schmalzried and Josh Iler, 201 S Third St.



This home has a classical look with use of the white lights and traditional wreaths.

**Best Use of Figures or Inflatables** was won by Leanne Dunn, 311 W Main St. Leanne



had an artistic arrangement of deer and presents watched over by an angel.



The Portage Lions Club sponsors this annual contest. This years competition was more difficult than past years as more home were decorated. The club thanks all participants and looks forward to next year.

**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](mailto:portagelions@dacor.net).

## Food Baskets

The Portage Lions Club, Christ United Methodist Church, and the Agape Food Pantry teamed together to supply food baskets to six area families the week before Christmas.

Members of Christ UMC donated non-perishable food items, Agape Food Pantry donated a turkey to each family, and the Portage Lions Club purchased fresh produce, meat, and dairy products. Each family received over 100 pounds of food.



## 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.winterfestbgohio.com](http://www.winterfestbgohio.com) for a list of scheduled events.



## Wood County Public Library

Just a couple upcoming activities scheduled at the library this winter, check out their website for a complete list

- ◇ Book Bingo—a winter reading game for adults. Fill in 5 squares in a row to enter to win a drawing for a 16 BG iPad Mini. Fill in all the squares to get an additional 4 entries. Bingo cards are available at the Circulation desk on the second floor or download from their website. Starts Jan 15, ends March 3.
- ◇ Book Launch Celebration with author/illustrator Lindsay Moore. Ms Moore will launch her new picture book, *Sea Bear*, in the Atrium on Jan 22 from 7 pm—8 pm. Copies will be for sale by the Friends of the Library.

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, consider logging in through AmazonSmile and designate WCDPL Foundation as your chosen charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the library.

If you shop at Kroger, you can connect the WCDPL Foundation to your Kroger Plus Card. Kroger Community Rewards will donate a percentage of eligible purchases to the library. The WCDPL Foundation account number is QA68A.

More information may be found at [www.wcdpl.org](http://www.wcdpl.org).