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# Portage Township News

*"A great place to live and raise a family!"*



**Township Hall Office/Garage**  
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419-732-3543

### Elected Officials

#### Fiscal Officer:

Judy Johannsen

[fiscalofficer@portagetownship.net](mailto:fiscalofficer@portagetownship.net)  
419-732-3543

#### Trustees:

**Sam Conte**

[conte@portagetownship.net](mailto:conte@portagetownship.net)  
419-734-2828  
(Chairman)

**Keith Heileman**

[heileman@portagetownship.net](mailto:heileman@portagetownship.net)  
419-656-2767

**Molly Sass**

[sass@portagetownship.net](mailto:sass@portagetownship.net)

#### **Community Room**

419-734-3081

#### Maintenance Supervisor

**Matthew Seamon**

[maintenance@portagetownship.net](mailto:maintenance@portagetownship.net)

#### Township Meetings

Regularly scheduled township meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office.

*Relish Today...Ketchup Tomorrow*

### Helping those in Need



**974 S. Lake Street, Gypsum**

Five years ago, the *Hagel Building* took on a new life called Seed Faith Mission Food Pantry. The Care and Share building was donated to the organization for a feeding ministry. Marie Berry is presently the Volunteer Director. She was introduced to the mission field by her father when she was a young girl. Marie's father, Walter Holmes Sr. started a mission in Haiti over 40 years ago. Over the years he was able to complete a feeding facility, churches, medical clinics, orphanages and schools. These remain in full operation, today. Marie started feeding the hungry overseas at 15 years old in her father's mission house.

Marie was inspired to open her own food pantry in Gypsum after her last trip to Haiti in 2011, when the earthquake practically destroyed the island. The Lighthouse Center Resale Shop is their main source of funding to purchase food. The front of the building houses the resale shop. Items are donated from around the community and sold to purchase food in which they distribute for free to anyone in need. The store inventory is beautifully displayed with a flare that Marie has so tastefully done. They only sell gently used and nearly new merchandise. If something comes in that cannot be used at the ministry, it is donated to The Salvation Army in inner cities of Toledo. Marie encourages anyone to visit and take a tour of the facility. There are no paid positions as everyone volunteers their time. Lighthouse Center Resale Shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 – 3:00 and Saturday 9:00 – 1:00.

### **ENERGY SAVE OHIO Save money, reduce energy usage, and get paid for doing it!**

Portage Township participated in First Energy's Ohio Lighting Incentive Program that provides a reimbursement for lighting improvements made to increase energy efficiency and reduce electricity consumption. Matt and Bryan installed high efficiency lighting equipment in 5 locations at the township complex. After completion of the updated lighting, First Energy reimbursed the township \$660.30. Conserving electricity through usage of LED lighting will help save on future township electric bills. First Energy's Ohio utilities offer programs and resources to help eligible residential customers manage their energy use.  
[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/save\\_energy/save\\_energy\\_ohio.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/save_energy/save_energy_ohio.html)



Camp Perry

## **The Traveling Vietnam Wall**



Portage Township

Ernie Hopkins, Vietnam Veteran

**The Traveling Wall stands as a symbol of America's courage and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War.**

**It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships.**

The replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall took up residence at Camp Perry, May 31-June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Wall was brought to Camp Perry, by Ottawa County's Vietnam War Commemoration Committee as part of its fifth and final year commemorating veterans of the Vietnam War. "We've been working to bring in the wall for over a year and a half," said Ernie Hopkins, Vietnam Veteran and Portage Township resident. The Traveling Wall gives the opportunity for those who may not make the trip to Washington, see a replica in their hometown and understand what it represents. The Traveling Wall that visited Ottawa county is half the size of the memorial in Washington. It is not a war Memorial but a Memorial to those who served in the war, both living and deceased.

***"Just because you didn't leave the United States, you are still a Vietnam vet. It was a team effort.***

***This can provide a little bit of closure for families who lost their loved ones in the war."***

Names of more than 58,000 members of the U.S. armed forces who died in the Vietnam War are etched into the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. There are seven Ottawa County residents who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Those names include: Thomas Henry Carstens, James Michael Davenport, Clyde Wilson Enderle, David Michael Kesterson, William L. Matthews Jr., Glen Allan Millinger and Antonio Elizondo Ruiz.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony of the traveling memorial was Catawba resident Reggie Langford, Vietnam Veteran. "Stories coming from that wall are endless," Langford said. "Nam vets today are unfortunately keeping those stories to themselves. His last words were ***"Tell Your Story,"*** so others know...

### **Ernie Hopkins tells his story when he was in Vietnam.**

On July 30, 1970 is a day Private Ernie Hopkins tells 'his story' On this day my battalion had been granted an extension of its operating area to pursue the enemy farther northwest of Dragon Valley. We were to push forward in that direction toward LZ Bowman. A re-supply helicopter came in. I reached where I was to be and dropped my ransack to the ground, watching a rifle platoon walk by me. The chopper blades whooshing the grass around when pulling out, a scout saw something in the grass and walked over to see what it was. He took another step and triggered a daisy chain of mines that were carefully placed to sweep the entire defensive position. Later we found out this particular position was well known by the enemy. They were waiting for us... The shrapnel shredded the scout and was killed instantly. Private Jesse Hill who I had just made eye contact with, turned his body and took the shrapnel destine for me. I dropped to the ground to see how bad the soldier was. I found six holes in his body. He was severely bleeding and not enough bandages around. I looked around there were so many wounded and screaming for help. Knowing the soldier was critically wounded all I could think of doing was taking six fingers of mine and plug the six holes of Private Jesse Hill chest to stop the bleeding. After a few minutes bandages were found and Private Hill was flown off, not sure if he would live or not. Twenty-nine years later Jesse Hill and I met at an ADVA reunion. I didn't believe at first it was him. He opened his shirt and showed me the six scars he got that day on a jungle hill in Vietnam. My comrade and ***My Story.***

### **Township Community Room**

The community room has been used for many occasions since the remodeling.

It is a great way to entertain! To use the community room, a \$100.00 cleaning deposit is required. The money is due at the time of signing the user agreement. Money will be refunded by check, if left clean, at the next scheduled Trustee meeting following the event.

Please call Molly Sass, Trustee at 419-734-3081, to reserve the community room. On the answering machine, leave your name, address, phone number and date you would like.



**Jeannine Bergeman hosts a painting party!**

## Are You A Local?

Summertime brings others visiting from many Ohio counties.

Ohio uses a numerical county-coding system to indicate the county of registration. The scheme assigns a two-digit number to each of the state's 88 counties in alphabetical order, beginning with 01 for Adams County and ending with 88 for Wyandot County.

The county number is displayed on red stickers placed on the lower left corner of both the front and rear plates. The stickers also display the county name, in small print below the number.

Ottawa County is #62!

Maybe make a family game of who can find the most out of county license plates!!

***Please, don't do while driving!!***

## OHIO COUNTY NUMBERS

1	Adams
2	Allen
3	Ashland
4	Ashtabula
5	Athens
6	Auglaize
7	Belmont
8	Brown
9	Butler
10	Carroll
11	Champaign
12	Clark
13	Clermont
14	Clinton
15	Columbiana
16	Coshocton
17	Crawford
18	Cuyahoga
19	Darke
20	Defiance
21	Delaware
22	Erie

23	Fairfield
24	Fayette
25	Franklin
26	Fulton
27	Gallia
28	Geauga
29	Greene
30	Guernsey
31	Hamilton
32	Hancock
33	Hardin
34	Harrison
35	Henry
36	Highland
37	Hocking
38	Holmes
39	Huron
40	Jackson
41	Jefferson
42	Knox
43	Lake
44	Lawrence

45	Licking
46	Logan
47	Lorain
48	Lucas
49	Madison
50	Mahoning
51	Marion
52	Medina
53	Meigs
54	Mercer
55	Miami
56	Monroe
57	Montgomery
58	Morgan
59	Morrow
60	Muskingum
61	Noble
62	Ottawa
63	Paulding
64	Perry
65	Pickaway
66	Pike

67	Portage
68	Preble
69	Putnam
70	Richland
71	Ross
72	Sandusky
73	Scioto
74	Seneca
75	Shelby
76	Stark
77	Summit
78	Trumbull
79	Tuscarawas
80	Union
81	Van Wert
82	Vinton
83	Warren
84	Washington
85	Wayne
86	Williams
87	Wood
88	Wyandot

*Cut out and leave in your car!*

### Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste Management District Collection

Location: Ottawa County Fairgrounds  
Saturdays from 9:00 till 12:00



[www.recycleoss.org](http://www.recycleoss.org)

Household Hazardous Waste (includes batteries)  
Saturday, September 8, 2018

Appliance Collection  
Saturday, September 15, 2018

Televisions and Small Electronics  
Saturday, September 29, 2018

Residential Tires: October 27

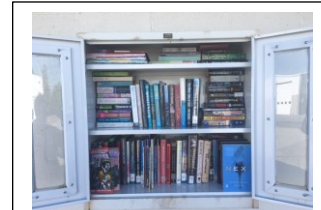


*New rope for the flagpole*



*for Memorial Day*

*Summer Reading  
Summer Fun  
Take a look and find a book in  
The Lending Library!!*



Portage Township Complex  
2501 East State Road  
Port Clinton, OH 43452

### Portage Township

#### June 2018

- 4 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 5 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 17 **Father's Day**
- 18 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

#### July 2018

- 2 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 3 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 4 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA**
- 16 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

#### AUGUST 2018

- 6 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 7 **Brush Pick-up**
- 20 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 3 **Labor Day**
- 4 **TUESDAY** Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm
- 4 **Brush Pick-Up**
- 17 Trustee Meeting – 7:00pm



**Township Spring Clean-Up was a Great Success!**  
**9,260 pounds of recyclable metals!**

#### Zoning Office Hours:

**Mon.: 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Thurs.: 8:30am – 10:00am**

**419-734-7296**

**Zoning Inspector: Mary Gardner**

**GET YOUR ZONING PERMIT FIRST!**

### **Port Clinton Firefighter's Chicken BBQ**



**When: Sunday, August 11**

**Where: PC Fire Station**

**Time: 11:00 to 2:00**

**Support the EMT and Fire Fighters!**

**If you would rather receive your newsletter EMAILED,**

please send an email to

***fiscalofficer @portagetownship.net***

Please give your mailing address and email address. Emailed newsletters tend to reach you earlier than postal mail.

#### **Grass Clippings**

Please remember to bring your grass clippings to the Township Complex.

The bin is behind the salt shed.

Putting grass clippings in ditches is NOT allowed! It impedes the flow of water.

*Please keep up with your grass mowing.*

*Let's keep our township looking good!!*