

Owen Crocker

### Peaceful and Perfect Portage

Portage. When this city comes to mind, I immediately think and appreciate the pleasant memories I've enjoyed here. My name is Owen Crocker and I am in tenth grade at Portage Central High School. I've lived here in Portage all of my life and wouldn't want to spend my childhood in any other place. The main reason I love Portage is the seasonal beauty. The seasons are so different, yet I love them all and the activities that I can do in them. In the winter, I love to go sledding with my friends at Oakland Park, and when we get cold, we can just walk on back to my house to help ourselves with some hot chocolate. In the spring, I enjoy smelling the indescribable smells that the blooming plants and flowers create. The warm breezes that I feel in the spring give me a sense of coziness and happiness. Next comes the summer. There's so much to do in Portage during the summer that it's almost overwhelming, in a good way of course. I love to swim and bike during the day, and watch movies and throw bonfires at night. Also, I participate in marching band during the summer and fall and it's always a blast. Lastly, there's fall. Fall brings wonderful colors to the trees and adds to the city's elegance. Thanksgiving is the best when I get to spend it with my extended family that live in Portage as well. Fall also brings me memories of the delicate sound of jumping around in piles of leaves. I genuinely have enjoyed living here all of my life as it has brought me great memories and happiness. Thank you for taking your time to read this and for making this city a great place to grow up in.