THE NITTY GRITTY

Events

- Lions Club—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 pm at Christ UMC (currently on summer break)

- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:00 am; Sunday School, 10:00 am

- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
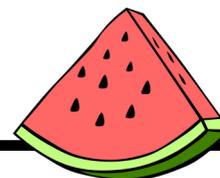
- Food Pantry, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am; Christ UMC

Living History Day

The 17th annual Wood County Living History Day will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm, at the Wood County Historical Center. The 2020 honorees are:

- **Charles Summer VanTassel**—Author of "Pioneer Scrapbook of Wood County"
- **George Murray Brown**—Wood County Sheriff (1882-1887), oversaw the hanging of Carl Bach (Wood County Courthouse) and Arthur J Glover (Ohio Penitentiary).
- **Peter Kramp**—The "Oil Prince of Wood County"
- **Dr John Whitehead**—Prominent doctor in early Wood County; remembered by the Cunning and Whitehead Building in Downtown Bowling Green
- **Harriet Covert Battles**—President of the first Wood County Women's Suffrage Club
- **Dottie Zimmerman**—A teacher fo 50 years starting with the Portage Village one-room school, Weston Township DeWeese, and Weston School
- **Elizabeth LaFarrie**—A pioneer wife who overcame death and disease to clear the swamp in 1832.

Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs and to social distance.

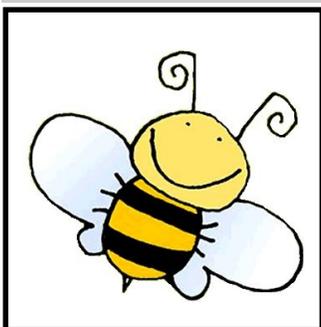## How many words can you make using the letters below?

E	B	S	L
T	H	A	W
G	Y	N	I
P	K	R	F

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, starting at 10 am. 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.

From Portage Yesteryear...

Article originally printed in the Wood County Tribune on Feb 21, 1894

Sheriff Breaks Counterfeiters

For some time it has been known that a gang of counterfeiters have been operating in Wood County.

About two years ago some of the gang were captured near Dunbridge and for a time the circulation of counterfeit was stopped. Of late the merchants and businessmen of Portage have been bothered with bogus quarters, dollars and nickles [sic]. Sheriff Bryant was notified and by employing a stool-pigeon worked a clue.

Last night at eight o'clock, Bryant received a message from Portage, to come, that everything was ready; he with Deputy Deald and Marshall Fowler, departed for Portage. The Sheriff had been working the clue for some time but had not said a word to anybody and no one knew where they were going until they reached the Daniel Mears farm, in section 8, Portage Township. Back into the woods they went to a shanty; a dim light was shining through the window. The it broke on Doc's associates that they were after a gang of counterfeiters.

The officers peered through the window; they saw a man working at the crucible and moulding [sic] metal into coins. They watched for at least an hour and finally the counterfeiter dropped down onto the bed.

The time had come to enter the hut; the sheriff kicked the door in and before the counterfeiter could move he was bound. The hut was searched and metal moulds [sic] and several counterfeit coins were found, in fact a whole outfit was captured, The dollars were very unperfect.

The man was loaded into the vehicle and brought to Bowling Green and lodged in jail.

Dad Jokes

What do you call a thieving alligator?   A Crookodile

What do you call a bee that can't make up it's mind? A Maybe

What do you call a pig that does karate? Pork chop