



### Trustees...

It has been a long, hot and dry summer in Thompson and especially dusty for residents living on the unpaved roads. On Aug 3, the Thompson Trustees passed a revised resolution pertaining to the application of brine on Township roads. The complete text of this resolution can be found on the Township's website [www.thompsonohio.org](http://www.thompsonohio.org).

The Dollar General is coming to Thompson. It will be located on Thompson Road just West of the Square on the North side of the road. This modern day "General Store" is a needed convenience for residents.

The Trustees would like to welcome Bob Ruck and his Thompson Feed Store. The feed store is located at the former Schaffert's Thompson Feed in the old Crandall Ford. Be sure to stop in and say "Hello" to Bob and check out his store inventory.

The Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) has been completed. There are a few items that need to be attended to. If any resident is interested in helping with these items contact Lynne at [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com) or 440-983-9369. See the TTCC article in this issue of Tidbits for more details. At this time the TTCC can be rented for social events contact Cindy at 298-9813. Also, check the Township's website for TTCC forms and availability.

The Trustees would like to inform residents that the trash dumpster located at the back building at the Road Garage on RT. 528 is for Township Departments use only. The departments are Road, Fire, Police, Zoning, Cemetery and TTCC. Any other use could be considered littering and subject to consequences. Township residents' use of the 4 single stream recycle dumpsters, 2 paper recycling dumpsters and the 1 Special Olympics clothing dumpsters is greatly appreciated. What can be placed in these recycle dumpsters is on the labels on each dumpster.

The 4th of July Celebration, 3 Entertainment in the Park Concerts and the Community Yard Sale make use of the Square and are wonderful Township events. If any resident has an idea for an event that would make use of the Square contact Kok Leffel at [kokeleffel@gmail.com](mailto:kokeleffel@gmail.com) or 440-983-9367.

"Friend or Like" the Thompson Community on the Community Facebook page at Thompson Township Ohio.

Be sure to vote on Tues-Nov 8 because there are 4 important Township issues on the ballot. Remember voting takes place at the Thompson United Methodist Church.

The Trustees meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Ledge Park Building at 7:00 p.m. Attend, voice your thoughts and opinions, become involved in making our Township a better place to live. Be sure to vote on November 8th. See you at the next meeting.

Township Trustees,  
Erwin "Kok" Leffel, Chairman  
Frank Sirna, Vice-Chairman  
Al Safick, Trustee



### Thompson/Ledgemont School...

**Old Timers Reunion** - I would like to thank everyone who came to the 46th Old Timers reunion this year, those that missed it also missed a lot of great food. 80 Alumni and a total of 111 attended. Class of 1965 had the most with 9, and oldest was class of 1944.

Alexa Beardsley Holbert is the new president. Next years date is July 9th.

Hope to see everyone next year, Dennis

### Ride to the Doctor or Hospital...

Do you need a ride for an Out of County Medical Appointment?

The Geauga County Department on Aging provides the Out of County Medical Transportation to Geauga County seniors, age 60 and older to designated parts of Lake, Cuyahoga, Portage, Ashtabula, and Trumbull counties, and the city of Twinsburg.

Out of County Medical Transportation is available to Geauga Seniors on a first come-first served basis, Mon through Fri. There are vehicles equipped with wheelchair lifts. This is a curb-to-curb service and individuals need to be able to get in and out of the medical buildings on their own. A family member or attendant can also ride with the senior. When you call to book your ride please provide us your doctor's name, address and phone number, the appointment date and time and approximately how long the appointment may last.

There is no fee for this program. Although, we will gladly accept donations to help enhance and grow the program. For further information please call the Geauga County Department on Aging at 440-279-2130.

### Summer Entertainment 2016...

Thank you Patrons of 2016 Summer Entertainment. Your generous donations provided 3 evenings and the 4th of July with fabulous entertainment for Thompson residents, friends and neighbors.

Light of Day Duo kicked off this year's Summer Entertainment on Jun 14; all around the Square and then some, The Acafellas serenaded 4th of July celebrators; Stan Miller performed his very special brand of Jazz and vocals on Jul 12 and Melanie May brought 2016 Summer Entertainment to a close with an original from her newly released Florida CD on Aug 9.

The weather was beautiful. For those of you who were concerned about the heat, cool evening breezes were enjoyed every evening of Entertainment on the Square. The Non-Profit Refreshment Fund Raisers did an awesome job. The United Methodist Women's Pie Party was wonderful, (so many pies to choose from), the Friends of the Library's beef sandwiches (yummy) and the Ledgemont Girl Scouts who supplied abundantly.

2016 Summer Entertainment would not have been possible without the Patron's support. What great community spirit these community members and friends have and the Summer Entertainment Committee would like to recognize them:

TTVFD Association, Mark & Kathleen Binnig, Ross & Boby McElligott, 4th of July Committee, Mike & Martha Wesley, Barb Stocker, Barb Townsend, Barb Temple, Norma Starkey, Don Kifer, Fred & Kay Wilber, Denny & Denise Wade, Lew & Gail Moseley, Jim & Judy Schafer, George & Natalie Davet, Grand River KOA, Ingalls Processing Equipment Co. & Dick Ingalls, Ben & Sandi Smith, Bob & Viv Montgomery, Ron & Joanne Paul, Bill & Carol Radigan, Ken & Betty Landrus, Dan & Diane Garey, John & Judy Lenk, Frank & Katy Sirna, Danny & Carolyn Robison, Kok & Lynne Leffel, Britt Townsend, Michelle Cell and patrons wishing to be anonymous.

Looking ahead to 2017 if any resident is interested in helping in anyway with Summer Entertainment call 440-983-9367 or contact [kokeleffel@gmail.com](mailto:kokeleffel@gmail.com)

## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church - LCMS

Our normal Services Sunday morning:  
Sunday School at 9:00am, Worship at 10:30.

Rev. Don Coulter, Grace Lutheran Church, 8091 Plank Road,  
Thompson, OH 44086 - 440/298-3822

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## 4th of July 2016...

“Thank you Troops One and All”

"It's a Grand Old Flag" the theme for 2017's 4th of July!!

Thank you once again to ALL that made this year's 4th the huge success that it was! Special thanks to Ross and Bobby McElligott for their continued support and hard work for many years to keep Thompson's 4th of July Celebration continuing and successful. A special plaque was presented to them that has been placed at the base of our Town Square flag pole for all their dedication! Thanks to Lausin Farms for providing the best "hay ride" around and for their fantastic float in our parade, which won 1st place!! To all the participants in our wonderful parade that just keeps getting bigger and bigger each year!! (Which means, more and more candy to the kids-young and old). The 2nd place cash float prize went to Thompson United Methodist Church and 3rd place to Heritage Hills Campground. Thank you to the Patron's of Summer Entertainment for providing the wonderful Doo Wop Quartet, The Aca-Fellas, who strolled through the day's festivities and serenaded all!! Thanks to Grace Lutheran for providing a tasty BBQ, to the Fire Department for their Chinese Raffle and eats, to Thompson Methodist Church for hosting the Garden Club, Christmas in July, Rummage sale, to Saint Patrick's for providing free hotdogs and water, to the Wests of Thompson (Ponyland Pony Parties) for bringing their mobile petting zoo for all to enjoy!! A new feature was the Thompson Police Department's safety information which included for the kids a "tour" of the police cruiser.

To everyone else whose participation makes the day complete the 4th of July in Thompson wouldn't be a success without each and every one of you!!

Let's keep the tradition going!! Anyone interested in helping prepare for next year's event, a meeting is scheduled on Sept 8th, at 7:30 at our new beautifully renovated Thompson Township Community Center.  
Contact Lynne Leffel at 440-983-9369 or Audrey Kerr 440-862-0043. Text or call.

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## Volunteers Sought...

Any Thompson resident interested in becoming involved in the Community is being asked to contact Trustee Frank Sirna at 298-3273 or Frank.Sirna@ThompsonOhio.org.

There are opportunities with the Thompson Zoning commission or Zoning Board of Appeals.

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## Cemetery Notice...

The Cemetery Sexton puts up approximately 250 flags in the military markers at the Maple Grove Cemetery. If one of your loved one's marker was missed, it certainly isn't on purpose.

Please call 298-9813 & let Cindy know if one is missed.

Visit [www.ThompsonOhio.org](http://www.ThompsonOhio.org) website

## Ledge Grange...

along with the other Geauga County Granges, will be feeding those of you who come to our Grange Diner at the fair. We enjoy feeding hungry people nice dinners.

Ledge Grange will put up a display booth at the Agricultural building as well as our juniors and youth displaying in the youth building.

We will soon have our contests which include photography, art, sewing, needlework and crafts. If anyone is interested in learning more about Grange please call Vic or Mabel Collen at 440-298-3583.

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## Pygmy Connection 4-H Club...

has been busy! In February we made 48 Valentine's Day cards that some of our members delivered to a local nursing home. Our annual Earth Day community service project is at Punderson State Park. This year we picked up garbage and removed sticks from the campsites. We also gave back to the community by making donations to Rescue Village, Shop with Cops in Middlefield, a local needy family, and the Family-A-Fair Jr. Fair program. We promoted 4H by participating in the Middlefield Summerfest Parade.

Our club sponsored a cross county 4H member pygmy goat fun show held at the small arena at the Great Geauga County Fairgrounds in June. The judge, Jim Wilson from Blanchester, Ohio in Clinton County, was extremely knowledgeable in all things goats and the event was extremely educational and fun. A good time was had by all!

Dr. Randy Alger came to our advisor's barn for a goat health clinic. He discussed how to pick out a goat, what to do when you bring them home, explained common diseases and their treatments, proper feeding guidelines, and routine vaccinations. He also demonstrated the proper way to give a shot.

The Pygmy Connection learns about more than just pygmy goats! Our members will be taking hogs, sheep, turkey, ducks, chicken, horses, pack goat and dairy goats to this year's fair. Some of our members are also learning to breed their pygmy goats. All projects are welcome to be completed through our club. For more information about Geauga County 4H, please call the extension office at 440-834-4656, or look us up on the web at [Gauga.osu.edu](http://Gauga.osu.edu)

By Paige Miller and Julia Surace

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## St. Patrick Church...

All are welcome at Masses - on weekends (Sat at 5:30 pm and Sun at 9:30 am) and weekdays (Mon-Thurs at 8:45 am) at St. Patrick Church, 16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson.

Registrations for the St. Patrick Church 2016-2017 Parish School of Religion are still being accepted. Students in Grades 2 and 8 must have a copy of their Baptismal Certificate unless they were baptized here at St. Patrick. "The first day of PSR is Tuesday, Sept 13th"

St. Patrick Chinese Auction - Sat-Sept 10. Doors open at 11:00 am for the auction and kitchen for a light lunch. Drawing will begin at 2:00 pm followed by a 50/50 raffle. Entrance fee of \$2.00 for each participant includes 6 free tickets. Auction tickets are 3/\$1.00. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. GREAT prize baskets, food and fun! Come join us!

All are welcome to an "Afternoon of Prayer" focusing on Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Sat-Oct 8, 11 am to 3 pm, including lunch. Call the parish office to RSVP.

For more information on these events please call the Parish Office at 440-298-1327.

Have a blessed day!

## Thompson Garden Club...

generally meets the third Wed of each month. The purpose of the Club is "For the Beautification of Home and Community." We currently have 15+ active members from Thompson, Montville and surrounding communities. New members are always welcome, as well as guests at most meetings. If you have a love of gardening, or want to improve your gardening skills, please consider joining us!

As you are reading this we are probably enjoying the Great Geauga County Fair. Hope you got to see some of our arrangements and our display of 20 varieties. And hoping we won lots of prizes, too. We have an exciting fall/winter planned. Please join us at one of our meetings or our Christmas party.

Wed, Sept 21 -7:00 PM at Thompson United Methodist Church (TUMC): Bee Keeping Basics

Honey bees are necessary for the pollination of our favorite flowers and fruits and vegetables. But since the late 1990's their populations have been declining. Come and learn from Mindy Haines how you can begin beekeeping in your own backyard. Not only will bees increase pollination of your flowers, fruits and vegetables, but you will also be able to harvest your own supply of honey and beeswax. Join us to learn how to get started!

Wed, Oct 19 - 7:00 PM at TUMC: Turn Over a New Leaf

Join member Diana Klima to learn how to decorate a pumpkin or gourd using fall leaves. Have fun decorating that pumpkin without having to carve it. Makes a long lasting fall centerpiece or decoration for your doorstep. Bring a pumpkin or gourd and some interesting leaves with you. And bring a friend, too!

Sat, Dec 3 - 12:00 Noon at TUMC: Christmas Potluck & Green Arrangement Workshop

Members and guests will gather to celebrate Christmas with a potluck lunch and then create a live green arrangement for holiday decorating. Members will provide all of the food and fresh cut live greens for making arrangements. Feel free to bring your own containers. Members have done this the last few years and have created beautiful, long-lasting arrangements. And we would like to teach YOU how to do this too!! It will be easy with our help. All members are encouraged to bring a guest. If you would like to be on our guest list please call and we will match you up with a member partner. You will be amazed at the arrangement you create and leave with!! Please join us!

Special Event: Visit to West Side Market and Lunch. Wed, Sept 14 Cleveland's oldest public market is home to 100 vendors offering meats, seafood, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, dairy, flowers, ready-to-eat foods, spices, nuts and more. We will plan to meet at the Thompson United Methodist Church at 9:00 AM to carpool downtown to the West Side Market, 1979 West 25th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113. There are many restaurants within the market to have lunch. If you plan on buying seafood or meat you may want to bring a small cooler. The Market is accessible and we can drop you at the door. Parking is free. We should be back no later than 4:00 PM. RSVP for this event to Cristie Adams at 298-1245 no later than Fri, Sept 9.

For more information on meetings call: Terri Herbert at 298-1636

## Cemetery Levy...

The Trustees have placed a .5 mill, 5 year cemetery levy for maintenance and operation on the Nov 8th ballot. Maple Grove Cemetery is in need of driveway improvements, head stone repairs and the extension of the driveway in the new south section. Current cemetery fees and a reduction in the Township's General Fund cannot adequately support the cemetery. The cemetery fees and General Fund are the only revenue sources for Township cemetery maintenance and operation. In 2013 the Trustees raised the cemetery fees and do not want to further burden families at the time of their loss by raising fees again.

The .5 mill levy will raise approximately \$25,000.00 per year and cost approximately \$26.60 per year for each \$100,000.00 of real estate valuation.

Be sure to get out and vote Nov 8th. Maple Grove Cemetery is a treasure.

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## Thompson Community Tai Chi for Health Classes...

Is this You? Wanting to start exercising but not interested in "traditional" exercise programs? Wanting to add diversity to your exercise routine? Dealing with a chronic disease or stress related issues? Rehabilitating/recovering from an accident, surgery or illness? Join me in learning and playing a Tai Chi for Health program, a proven effective mind/body exercise program.

We meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Thompson Township Community Center

Lynne Leffel, Senior Trainer, Tai Chi for Health Institute (TCHI) [www.taichiforhealthinstitute.org](http://www.taichiforhealthinstitute.org) shares her passion for these Tai Chi for Health Programs with others to help them enhance their health, fitness and sense of wellbeing through gentle, safe and effective exercises. Class fee: cash donations given to the Thompson Township Community Center. Contact Lynne, [elzleffel@gmail.com](mailto:elzleffel@gmail.com) or 440-983-9369.

Tai chi for Health Programs are safe for most everyone. If you have concerns talk with your health professional. A liability release form is to be signed by all participants.



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## Thank you...

to the Thompson Garden Club and member Ruth Leslie for the beautiful flower baskets gracing the gazebo on Thompson Square. They are lovely, still blooming and the dedication taken to maintaining them through this hot summer is greatly appreciated!

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## Mark your 2017 calendars for...

**Summer Entertainment in the Park** on the Square and the Community Yard Sale. Summer Entertainment will be Tue-Jun 13, Jul 11 and Aug 8 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The **Community Yard Sale** will be Sat-Aug 5. Mark your calendars NOW. Start collecting your sale items and participate in the event. Let's make 2017's Community Yard Sale the biggest and best ever.

## General Fund Levy...

The Trustees have placed a 1 mill, 5 year levy on the Nov 8th Ballot to support General Fund expenditures. The expenditures cover maintenance and improvements of Township properties and equipment, (not covered by the road, police and fire levies), salaries and utilities.

The 1 mill levy will raise approximately \$50,000.00 per year and cost \$53.20 per year for each \$100,000.00 of real estate valuation.

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## Thompson Township Community Center ...

Sep 15, 7:30 p.m. @ TTCC Revitalization of Town Square Area Committee Meeting (RTSAC)

The TTCC has been open this summer for events. There have been several private events besides Thompson's 4th of July Celebration, Tuesday evening Summer Entertainments and the Annual Yard Sale. "WOW" is the comment most frequently heard from residents and visitors upon entering the TTCC. The wall color, wood floors, restrooms, kitchenette, the upstairs space with Ledgemont and Township memorabilia bring positive comments.

The TTCC is available for community members and non-community members to rent. By renting and using the TTCC not only will it serve the community but there will be life and activity on our Town Square. The rental fees go toward paying the utility bills of gas, electric, and sewer, cleaning and restroom supplies. We are very fortunate that there has been cash, tables, chairs, curtains, electric window candles, memorabilia, a decorative clock, and "maintenance" donated. The ultimate goal is for the TTCC to become self-sustaining.

The Thompson Township website [www.ThompsonOhio.org](http://www.ThompsonOhio.org) has the rental forms as well as a calendar showing scheduled event dates. Call Cindy at 440-298-9813 for more rental information.

Revitalization projects continue. There are several areas outside the TTCC that need attention. 1. The East side of the building between the building and parking lot needs to be landscaped. A community member has said he would like to work on it and there is need for volunteers to help. This job will take place mid-Fall. 2. The South West corner of the building needs to have landscaping and some kind of cement/stone base at the foot of the steps to make the area safe and visually appealing. 3. On the North East from the parking lot to the gazebo a safe path/walkway needs to be created for wheelchair access.

If you have interest in any of these projects, creating, supporting with donations, materials and time please call Lynne at 440-983-9369 or Diane at 440-298-3384. All ideas need to be presented to the RTSAC and then approved by the Township Trustees. You are invited to the next Revitalization of Town Square Area Committee meeting on Thurs Sept 15 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your ideas and suggestions and willingness to continue to Revitalize Thompson Square Area.

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## Police Department...

Recently, a resident asked that the police department remind everyone of telephone and computer fraud. We are not immune from these types of crimes. Those committing the crimes are fully aware that the public knows many of their past contact scams and they modify them to catch you off guard. The best action to take with telephones is to tell them to remove your phone number from their list or just hang up. Do not answer your phone if it has Caller ID if you do not know the individual calling. In regards to computer and the internet, use your email contact with people you know. Scammers know how to modify your email and send you a message that may corrupt your computer or enable them to modify your computer (example: get personal information, passwords, contacts, etc.) without you knowing. Never open unknown email messages that appear suspicious, be from another country, or often located in your "junk email folder". There is little law enforcement can do, but take a report. Your last recourse is contact to the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Section – 800-282-0515 for their assistance.

**SHOOTING IN THE TOWNSHIP:** Increases in shooting various weapons in the evenings and on weekends are occurring more often in the township. Many residents and their friends are coming out and shooting in the backyards of these individual properties. You are reminded that you need to provide yourself and your friends with the proper backstops for the bullets to come to rest in. Bullets cannot fly all over the place, especially in another person's property. Children play in the woods and caution needs to be taken place whenever target/or shooting practice takes place. You are personally liable for injury or damage to person, places, or things. If you are the property owner who has given permission and do not provide adequate safety knowledge or provisions to those on your property, you may also be held liable.

**Word of Caution:** Many individuals are using a binary explosive commonly named, "Tannerite" to make their targets explode. It is a combination of ammonium nitrate (an oxidizer) and aluminum powder (a fuel) that is sold locally as two separate powders that when mixed and shaken will produce an explosive. When mixed and struck with a high-velocity bullet impact, the target will explode. Unfortunately, there are those individuals who will mix large quantities of these to make a large explosion and to wake up or shake the ground of neighbors and residents many distances beyond. You can be arrested for detonating an explosive device and unlawful possession of components for explosives. Generally, they are detonated early on in the target shooting process; and if caught you run the risk of an arrest. Please make sure you do not use tannerite in your backyard or near animals, people, or near/on other person's property.

Sincerely - James F. Koster, Chief of Police