



Trustees...

Summer has passed and with it the Country Dances (the Springtime activity), the Summer Entertainment in the Park on the Square, the Annual 4th of July Celebration, and the Annual Yard Sale. The Trustees greatly appreciate the effort put forth by the residents that make these events successful. If any resident has an idea for other Township events come to a Trustees meeting and make a suggestion.

Remember the Thompson Township Community Center is available for rental and/or other programming. For more information check out www.ThompsonOhio.org or contact Cindy at fiscalofficer@thompsonohio.org or 298-9813 for more information.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday November 7. There are two important issues on the ballot that have a great impact on the Township. Exercise your right to vote!

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

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



Geauga County Library Fun Bus...

The Geauga County Library bookmobile (aka Fun Bus) will be making stops in Thompson on Fridays this Fall. It will be on the Square at the Thompson Township Community Center (the Old Town Hall) from 1-3 pm on the following Fridays:

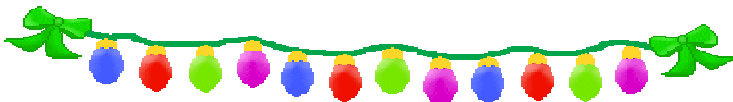
9/15	10/13	11/10	12/08
9/22	10/20	11/17	12/15
10/06	11/03	12/01	12/29

The 1-3 pm time slot provides parents with children under school age the opportunity to visit the Fun Bus before their school age children return from school. Other adults will have an opportunity to avail themselves to the services of the Geauga County Library on Friday when the Thompson Library Station is closed. See you at the Fun Bus!

Tree Lighting...

Sunday, December 3rd at 7 PM.

The Tree Lighting in Thompson will be here before we know it. Thompson/Montville Friends of the Library will be sponsoring Thompson's Annual Community Tree Lighting. Make sure to bundle up. You don't want to miss decorating the tree, singing, Santa's arrival, writing letters to Santa, refreshments and being with your friends and neighbors. The Geauga County Fun Bus will be making a stop weather permitting.



4th of July... "It is a Grand Old Flag"

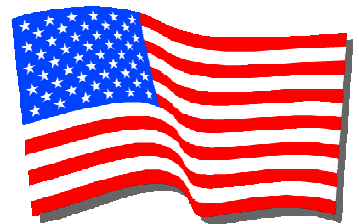
THANK YOU! To everyone who helped make Thompson's Annual 4th of July Celebration another success! What an absolutely beautiful day to enjoy the fabulous parade. As always the Thompson Police cruiser lead the way followed by the AmVets. Next came the surprise addition (thanks to the Patrons of Summer Entertainment) of the "Street Beats", a theatrical drum corps of four drummers. Street Beats provided music not only during the parade but also on the Square throughout the afternoon. At the end of the celebration many children enjoyed the playful interaction with the drummers as did the adults watching it all. Making up the parade were the fire trucks, vintage tractors, classic cars, motorcycles, a beautiful horse drawn 2 wheel cart, horses & "Friends Who Ride Together", Ledgemont Girl Scouts, Thompson Little League, floats, decorated golf carts, the parade calf, the Great Danes, all the candy and all the bystanders.

The KOA Campground float and golf carts won First Place in the Float Competition. Second Place was awarded to Thompson United Methodist Church and Third Place went to the Ledgemont Girls Softball. Special thanks to Deacon Bob Schwartz for the Invocation Blessings, Barb Stocker for the National Anthem, Joe LaRosa (parade Marshall), Thompson Police for "traffic control" and Thompson United Methodist Church for supplying an alternative speaker system when the Township's failed.

Keeping Thompson's 4th of July traditions strong were Thompson Volunteer Fire Association's Chinese Raffle, sandwiches, Grace Lutheran Churches' delicious BBQ, St. Patrick's free hot dog give away, Thompson United Methodist Churches' rummage, bake sale, the Grange's pony rides, Geauga County Library and individuals who had goods to sell. New this year was The Gooses' Mother and Father with their costumed feathered friends seen strolling around the Square. Someone said there was a goat in a tutu but this writer did not see it.

On display inside the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) was a photo album and DVD made by Patty Loveland. The photo album contained photos of the early Thompson Graduating Classes. DVD's are available by contacting Patty 440-413-5842 or p.loveland@windstream.net.

The winners of the 4th of July's 50/50 Raffle were Patty Loveland, John Carter and Sandy Fife. The 4th of July's Chinese Raffle (organized by Mark and Kathleen Binnig) was a huge success. Between the two Raffles, Chuck Lausin, his trusty John Deere driven hay rides and table/vendor fees, monies were raised for the 2018 4th of July Celebration and Beautification of the Park on the Square.



A BIG Thank you to everyone who is a part of this event and to everyone who came to share the day!

Park on the Square Revitalization...

The Fall of 2011 issue of the Tidbits contained the article, "The Rebirth of Thompson Town Hall". The article opened with "June 6th at 7pm interested community members met at the Thompson Ledges and engaged in a discussion on the Rebirth of the Town Hall project. The current focus is to generate public awareness of the need to preserve the Town Hall and gather interest and ideas as to its possible use." That was six years ago and look at that Township building now, the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC). The Rebirth of the Thompson Town Hall Committee which morphed into the Thompson Town Square Revitalization Committee can never be thanked enough for their efforts on this project. As can be seen around the Square, the improvements of existing homes and buildings, the Dollar General and the demos of buildings the "Revitalization" continues. Thank you property owners!

There is always work and maintenance to be done for the upkeep of the TTCC and Town Square. If anyone is interested in the "Revitalization" just helping out with a few hours once in a while please contact Lynne, elzleffel@gmail.com or Cindy, fiscalofficer@thompsonohio.org.

Home Energy Assistance Program...

In-home energy assistance is available to qualifying seniors completing HEAP applications. You may qualify for HEAP assistance if;

Size of Household	Total Gross Annual Household Income
1	\$20,790.00
2	\$28,035.00
3	\$35,280.00
4	\$42,525.00
5	\$49,770.00
6	\$57,015.00
7	\$64,277.00
8	\$71,557.00

For households with more than eight members, add \$7,280.00 per person.

Contact the Geauga County Dept on Aging; 440-279-2130, 1-800-282-0880. This program is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department on Aging through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

Community Tai Chi for Health Classes...

Tai Chi Classes are taught by Lynne Leffel, Senior Trainer, Tai Chi for Health Institute. For more information elzleffel@gmail.com, 440-983-9369 and www.taichiforhealthinstitute.org

Classes take place at the Thompson Township Community Center (TTCC) Class Fee (Personal cash donation which goes to the Township towards overhead costs.)

Monday and Wednesday 9 – 10 am

Ongoing Tai Chi for Health Class for experienced Tai Chi players in Dr. Lam's Tai Chi for Arthritis, Tai Chi for Diabetes, and Tai Chi for Rehabilitation programs. Also learning Yang 24 Forms.

Monday and Wednesday 8 – 8:45 am

Beginners Tai Chi for Health Classes

6 sessions beginning Monday, September 11 continuing September 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27.

St. Patrick Church...

All are welcome at Masses on weekends (Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am) and weekdays (Monday – Thursday at 8:45 am) at St. Patrick Church, 16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson.

Registrations for the St. Patrick Church 2017-2018 Parish School of Religion are still being accepted. The first day of PSR is Tuesday, September 12 at 6:15-7:30 pm.

St. Patrick Chinese Auction – Saturday September 9. 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!

Are you, or someone you know asking these questions... "Is there something more to life? What direction do I have in life? Who or what can give the direction we all need?" ... or is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Pattie Batchman at the Parish Office.

All are welcome to an Afternoon of Prayer focusing on "How to hear God in today's world". Saturday October 7, 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.

Thompson United Methodist Church...

Sunday School 9 am; Sunday Worship 10 am

Thompson United Methodist Church is looking for a pianist or organist to play for the 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship service beginning in September. Please contact Rev. Jonathan Cooney at 440-298-3033 for more information.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth activities begin Tuesday Sept. 5th at 7:30 pm

Guest Sunday on Oct. 15th

TUMC will again be a collection drop off location for Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child.

TUMC Drama Group tentative Christmas Play Dates are Dec. 8th & 9th look forward to more info in the Winter Issue.

Children's Christmas Program & Potluck meal Dec. 17th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5 pm and 7 pm

All are Welcome to any and all these events. Please call the church office 440-298-3033 for more information.

Amish Book Program Volunteers...

Looking to be part of a program that brings books to children? Geauga County Public Library provides a rotating collection of books to Amish Schools throughout the school year. The Library is looking for volunteers. The time requirements & commitment include; 1 to 2 hours per month, weekdays 9 am to 2 pm, Sept. to April, the deliveries occur typically during the first 3 weeks of the month.

Volunteer duties include notifying schools that book delivery will take place, pick up a 4 milk crate book set from the Middlefield Library, deliver to the assigned Amish School, pick up the school's old 4 milk crate set and return it to the Middlefield Library. Interested in volunteering please contact Geauga County Public Library Mobile Services 440-632-9496..

Thompson Garden Club...

generally meets the third Wednesday 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.

Sept. 20 - 7:00 PM at Arcadia Glass House in Madison. Succulents - Arcadia Glass House owner, Jeff Kenyon, will give a talk on succulents and propagation of them and other plants. The shop will open their facility for members to browse at 6:30 PM. We will be able to tour the greenhouses and make purchases at 10% off. Our business meeting will follow the presentation. For Carpool - Thompson Gazebo at 6:00 PM.

Oct. 18 - 7:00 PM at Thompson United Methodist Church: Animals and Composting - Member Alex Springer will talk about the relationship between animals and composting. She will explain how to use animal waste to make compost that can be used to help grow grass and feed that animals need to survive. Focus will be on chicken, cattle and horses. Come and learn about the cycle of life!

Dec 2 - 12:00 Noon at Thompson United Methodist Church: Christmas Potluck & Green Arrangement Workshop - Members & guests celebrate Christmas with a pot luck lunch & create a live green arrangement for holiday decorating. Members 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!

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

Annual Thompson Yard Sale 2017...

The 7th Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 5 was a mild success thanks to the efforts of the Ledgemont Girl Scouts, Samantha Gibson-Akos and Cindy Lausin.

Thompson will hold the Community Yard Sale on Saturday Aug. 4, 2018. Table/spot fee is \$10. So mark your calendar and start collecting your sale items and participate as a vendor or come browse and visit with your neighbors and friends. You never know what you may find!



Thompson Ledge Park Commission...

Fall and Winter are fantastic seasons to visit the park and observe the changing seasons! Crisp autumn days are great for playing tennis at our scenic court, hiking the upper or lower loops, and watching for migrating birds and insects. Park Commission meetings take place on the second Wednesday each month at 7:30pm...feel free to attend if you have any ideas or concerns.

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.

Road Levy...

A 1 mill Road & Bridge renewal levy will be on the ballot in November. This levy is for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges. The estimated property tax revenue produced is calculated to be \$51,548 at 100% collection.

Ledge Grange...

meets at the Thompson United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday of the month. We welcome new members at any time. We hope you came to Geauga County Fair and saw our exhibits and ate at the Grange Diner near the milking booth.

We are working on contests for this year which include Art, Photography, Sewing, Needlework, Quilting, and Crafts. Our main purpose is to serve our community in any way we can and Geauga County.

If you would like any more information about Grange, call Vic or Mabel Collen at 440-478-0093 or 440-478-0094.

Summer Entertainment 2017...

This year's entertainment in the Park on the Square featured the Erie Heights Brass Ensemble, Erin Burke and the Troubadours of Divine Bliss. Refreshments, by donation, provided by the Ledgemont Girl Scouts, the Thompson Garden Club and the Thompson United Methodist Women (TUMW).

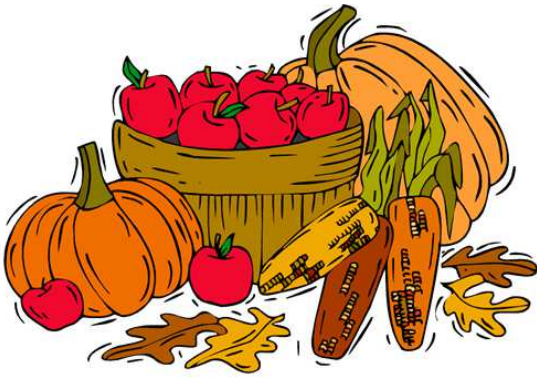
The final event on Aug. 8 was spectacular with around 100 in attendance. The performance by the Troubadours of Divine Bliss, an International female recording duo from Louisville, KY made the evening truly special. Refreshments were "It's a Pie Party" provided by the TUMW. Refreshment donations received by the TUMW were given to the Red Tulip Project of Geauga. The purpose of the Red Tulip Project is to raise funds to construct, maintain and operate a sober house for women in Geauga County. For more info on the Project contact Dianne Kellogg by email, diankel46@gmail.com.

Summer Entertainment is organized by the Summer Entertainment Committee and the Thompson volunteer Fire Department Association. Entertainment could not take place without the generous donations by community members and friends.

Thank you to Patrons of Summer Entertainment 2017 and especially to those who have supported it through the last eight years:

Mr. Anonymous; Ms. Anonymous; Denny & Denise Wade; Dick Kane; Norma Starkey; Multimedia Solutions Inc. (Kathy McClure); Jim & Judy Schafer; Mark & Kathleen Binnig; Bill & Carol Radigan; Frank & Katy Sirna; Barb Temple; Ron & Joann Paul; Don Kifer; George & Natalie Davet; Stocker's on the Park; Grand River Valley KOA; Ken & Betty Landrus; Ben & Sandy Smith; Barb Townsend; Dan & Diane Garey; John & Judy Lenk; Ed & Rachel Kuehn; Mike & Martha Wesley; Kok & Lynne Leffel. These Patrons also provided for the performance of the Street Beats, a drum corps and fun percussion ensemble which entertained throughout this year's 4th of July Celebration.

Consider donating to this wonderful Thompson activity and/or becoming a member of the Summer Entertainment Committee. Ideas for entertainment and help with organizing these events is welcome. Contact Kok at kokeleffel@gmail.com or 440-983-9367.



Fire Department...

The department would like to thank the community for once again making our Fourth of July fund raiser a success. The success of this event allows the fire association to purchase and donate equipment to the fire department to save the taxpayers additional expenses. As stated here in the past, run volume is remaining consistent as with previous years. At the time of this printing the department had responded to 200 calls for service.

Following a lengthy design and evaluation process, the department has placed an order for a new pumper to replace the 1971 Mack CF-6. The new Pierce pumper will be delivered to the department in July of 2018.

Please remember that burn permits are required for all outdoor noncooking fires, please call the station, 440-298-1405, to obtain a permit. Finally, congratulations to Danielle Locher for completing Firefighter II training.

Sincerely, Dan Robison, Chief

Geauga County Library Thompson Station...

Thanks to all our patrons, young and old, who were enthusiastic Summer Readers! We love our patrons! Children's Storytime resumes Sept. 18th and runs through Nov. 15th: programs take place Mons. at 7pm and Weds. at 10:30am. No registration is necessary.

Adult book discussion takes place on the following Suns. at 2pm: Sept. 17th, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood; Oct. 15th, *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells; November 19th *The Iron Heel* by Jack London; December 17th *Article 5* by Kristen Simmons. Please join us for snacks and lively discussion. Additionally, this year, we have Thompson's "Read Between the Wines" book discussions, Weds., 4:30 p.m. at a local winery, location to be announced Sept. 6 *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes; Oct. 4 *Salt: A World History* by Mark Kurlansky; Nov. 1 *The Vintage Caper* by Peter Mayle; Dec. 6 *Real Food Fake Food* by Larry Olmsted.

On Oct. 12th, 6-8pm come meet Library Director Ed Worsso and discuss the November library bond issue. And, of course, don't forget the Tree Lighting on the Square Dec. 3rd at 7pm! Your library is here to serve you-you can reach us at 298-3931.

Thompson Police Department...

Dear Residents:

The fall season is coming upon us very quickly and that means hunting and gun firing on properties within Thompson. Many persons also target practice or play around with Tannerite. Tannerite is legal to be purchased, but when it is used with a binary agent; it becomes a "binary impact detonate explosive". Its sound can be far reaching and the ground will vibrate beyond expectation. Many get a thrill out of the use of Tannerite. Its original purpose was to make a target visible when struck, but like so many other things; people use it to the extreme and many times can put themselves in harm's way. As a binary explosive, it may result in violation of Federal Regulations.

A seasonal permission slip for those hunting, fishing, or trapping on private land is needed. This permission form is a yearly requirement and must be on your person at all times. Pick these forms up from DNR or your sporting goods and have then signed by the landowner. You can obtain this form via the internet at <https://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/portals/0/forms/wildlife/DNR8924PermissionPrivateLand.pdf> Each person must have their own permission slip. You may provide your own slip if it contains the same information.

Remember:

Watch out for children and others in the area of gunfire.

Handle firearms carefully.

Respect the rights of all property owners in the area.

Do not shoot at buildings, fences, or other property.

Do not litter.

Obey all laws that deal with the use of firearms and wildlife provisions.

Only use your permission form on dates allowed and of which you have secured.



James F. Koster
Chief of Police