

Trustees...

By the time this Tidbits reaches your home, 2011 Summer Entertainment on the Park will have been completed. While listening to the Gospel Echoes perform last night, (8/9) I thought how fortunate Thompson is to have this event. If it were not for the patronage of Thompson residents it could not happen. The Trustees thank the patrons for their support in donating to this event. We look forward to 2012 Summer Entertainment on the Park.

The 4th of July celebration in Thompson this year was again a huge success. This continuing success is due to the diligent work of the 4th of July Committee. The 4th of July Committee is always looking for new members. If you have interest and time come forward and join.

Previous issues of the Tidbits had articles concerning the "Rebirth of the Town Hall." In anticipation of this rebirth the Trustees decided to "button up" the Town Hall. This has been accomplished by volunteers who have come forward in this effort. Vern Crookshanks has repaired the slate roof, the entrance doors have been painted, Ross McElligott has begun to repair the storm windows on the second floor, the inside has been cleaned and organized and Dave Davis of Davis Water Systems has brought water for landscaping to the building. The "Rebirth of the Town Hall" committee is looking for members. If you have interest and time come forward and volunteer.

The road paving projects in the Township are well underway or completed. These being the ODOT project on SR528 and the repaving of sections on Dewey Road and Ledge Road. If a resident has any road questions the numbers to call are:

298-9701, Ben Smith, Trustee
298-1370, Thompson Township Road Department
285-2222, County Roads - Geauga Engineer
968-3221, State Highways - ODOT

The gabled roof project at the fire station is completed. This project not only has a positive visual impact, it also has a potential energy savings impact for the Township. The majority of the funding for this project was from the NOPEC Energy Conservation Philanthropic Project. Energy usage over the next three years will be quantified and submitted to NOPEC for evaluation as to the gabled roof project's effectiveness in saving energy.

Remember, 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, opinions and become involved in making our Township a better place to live.

It has been noted that more residents have been walking with their dogs in the Park on the Square. The Trustees would like to remind these residents to PLEASE clean up after their pets. Think of others. The Park on the Square is to be enjoyed by everyone.



Township Trustees,
Erwin "Kok" Leffel, Chairman
Frank Sirna, Vice-Chairman
Ben Smith, Trustee

Police Department...

"Residents Beware" there has been an increase of thefts involving copper, aluminum and scrap metal in the last several months. This is becoming a wide spread county issue as well as here in Thompson. The Police Dept. has taken reports of several vacant homes that were broken into and the copper plumbing stolen. We have taken reports of copper wire, scrap metal or other items thieves can take and sell for "scrap."

Residents need to beware that there are thieves driving around just looking to take anything they can right out of your yard. If you see anything suspicious, please try to get a license number and call 911.



The Rebirth of Thompson Town Hall...

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. Two ideas from that meeting have been acted upon. Niki Betteley has set up a Facebook account under Rebirth of Thompson Town Hall. Thank you, Niki. Please check this out, Niki has taken some wonderful pictures and there will be more information in the near future. The other idea was to have tours of the Town Hall during the 4th of July. The tours were a very successful activity. It was fun to show the building as many people had never been inside let alone upstairs or in the basement. Many people shared their "town hall" experiences as well as suggestions as to how they see the building being used in the future.

Many thanks to the Township Trustees and several generous community members who have been "buttoning up" the town hall in order to preserve the structure thereby giving the Rebirth of the Thompson Town Hall committee the time needed for this project.

Thompson Ledge Runners Snowmobile Club...

We meet the first Wednesday at 7:00 PM (September - March) at the Thompson Town Hall.

We are a family oriented group who enjoy the winter snows of NEO. There are many trail cleaning events, snowmobile trips, and a Pig Roast in May.

Remember to register and insure your snowmobiles before going off your property to enjoy them and there are no Public Drop-offs in Thompson for our trails.

Contact Tim Doerr - 298-1639 (President)

FireFlies II...

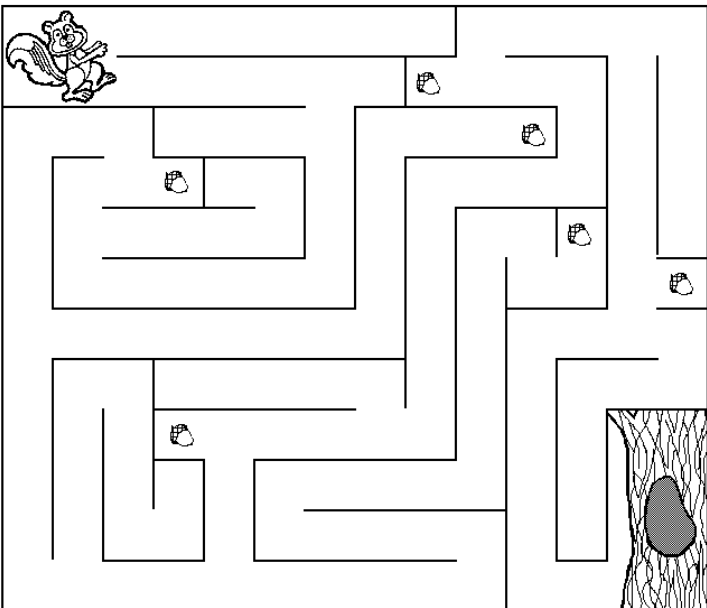
Thompson Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Our Giant Eagle \$1000.00 Gift Card Raffle ending on the 4th of July was a success. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. The proceeds will pay for a new sign over the fire station's bay doors.

Our next fund raiser is the 2012 Spring Fling. Details will be in the Winter Tidbits. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

Feel free to contact any of our Officers if you have any questions or concerns:

President:	Kim Pecuzok 298 1390
Vice President:	Jane Battles 298 3518
Treasurer:	Susan Chapek 298 3145
Secretary:	Stephanie Smith 488 8160



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Thompson Garden Club...

We had a great time at Thompson's July 4th Celebration. Our Flower Show in the Methodist Church was beautiful. Thanks to all who came to look and voted for their favorite arrangement. Thanks also to all who purchased annuals, perennials or "Yard Bling" from our booth on the Park. We are now getting ready for our participation in the Great Gauga County Fair. Please come see our arrangements and display of 20 Varieties at the Fair!!

The 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 25+ 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!! For more information on meetings call: Terri Herbert at 298-1636

Upcoming 2011 Meetings:

Wed., Sept. 21 - 7:00 PM at Thompson United Methodist Church: The Pallant Sisters of Rock Creek are back!! This year they will instruct us on making a fresh fall arrangement of long lasting dahlias, statice, etc. Bring your own vase or container. Flowers, oasis and instruction provided for a \$5.00 materials fee.

Wed., Oct. 19 - 7:00 PM at Thompson United Methodist Church: This month we will be planting bulbs that can be forced to bloom in the gloomy months of winter. Bring a pot and some bulbs to share: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, etc. Plan to bring just one variety of bulb and we will share and trade. Soil will be provided.

November/December in late November will be our holiday celebration for members only. In January we will plan for the new year.

Special Event:
Shopping Trip to Grove City Outlets and Volant Pennsylvania.

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 29 for our 3rd annual shopping trip to Grove City and Volant. We will leave around 8:00 AM and drive to Grove City and Volant for some early holiday shopping and lunch at a local restaurant. For more information on Special Event call: Sally Bonick at 298-9835

Bricks, Shirts & Plates...

Anyone who has not ordered a brick and would like to - now is the time. We need to order at least 20 at a time or there will be a service charge of \$25 imposed. Unfortunately, if 20 bricks are not ordered we will have to pass on to the buyer the increased cost, plus shipping. We also have gift certificates, if interested. We are still accepting orders for Thompson Township sweatshirts, T-shirts and commemorative plates too.

For more information please contact,
Boby McElligott at (440) 298-3120.



Thompson United Methodist...

Thompson United Methodist Youth Group September Events -

September 17th Cedar Point Christian Concert Fest
September 22nd Youth Room Hang Out, 6-9pm
September 28th Scores Bowling Buck Night, 6-9pm

Junior and Senior High Youth Group continues to meet each Tuesday night of the week from 7 to 9pm

Community Bible Club starting in October at the Burrows Road Elementary School 3:15-5:30. Bible Club has Games, Bible Stories Music and Crafts. For grades K-6th. Encourage someone you know to attend. Enrollment is also open to children outside of the Ledgemont District. Call the Thompson Methodist Church Office for information and registration. (440)298-3033

Men's Fellowship at TUMC happens once a month; contact the church office 440-298-3033 or David Toth 440-223-8065 for dates and time. Men of all ages are welcome to join in this guy time at Thompson UMC.

Young Adult Group - YAG

YAG meets on Saturdays from 7-9pm on regular scheduled evenings with planned outings like movie night and beach parties. Contact David Toth 440-223-8065 for dates, time and more info.

Christmas Craft Show at TUMC

October 1, 2011 from 9 AM - 4 PM
Setup 8 AM - 9 PM; Teardown 4 PM - 5 PM
Cost: \$15 per 8 Ft. Table
Proceeds to benefit Bronze Wall Ministries Bible Quizzing.
Please contact Shari Toth @ 440-223-8064 or sharitoth@gmail.com for more information and to register a table.

Free Admission for all shoppers! Handmade Quality Crafts and Your Favorite Vendors! Food Booth by Bronze Wall Ministries

Please call with any questions.
Sheryl Roessner
(440)298-3033
Thompson UMC Secretary

Thompson-Ledgemont School Old Timers...

held their 41st annual alumni reunion at the Montville Community on July 10, 2011, with 109 alumni being counted, a total of 140 attended. The oldest class represented was 1941.

This year scholarship winners were Elizabeth Cadorette and Shane Ritts. Next year the reunion will be on July 8th.
President, Dennis Battles

Phone Numbers for each Road Department

298-1370 - Thompson Township Road Department
968-3111 - Montville Township Road Department
474-6500 - Trumbull Road Department
285-2222 - County Roads - Geauga County Engineer
968-3221 - State Roads - ODOT

Ledgemont Class of 2011...

Graduation ceremony for 46 students was held on Sunday, June 5th at 2pm at the High School.

Valedictorian - Elizabeth Cadorette
Salutatorian - Kevin Pye
Senior Class Advisor - Mrs. McBurnie.

Class Officers:

President - James Marsic
Vice President - Adam Rempel
Secretary - Amanda Sidley
Treasurer - Erin Shantery
Representatives - Rachel Kindler
Emily McGlone.

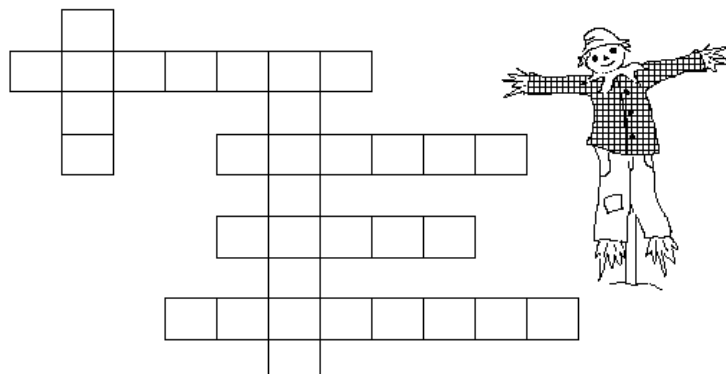
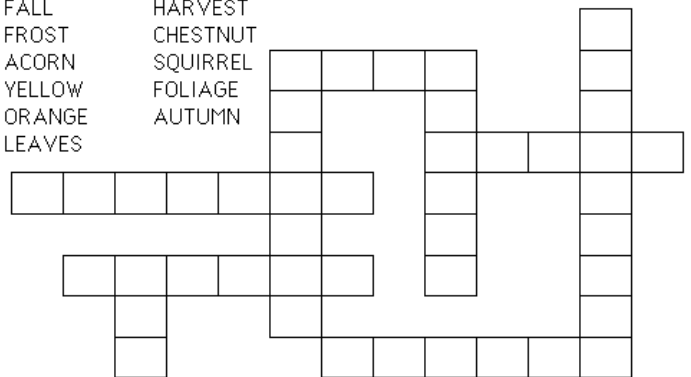
Scholarship Winners:

Coca-Cola - Grace Koehl
Alumni - Elizabeth Cadorette & Shane Ritts
PTC - Amanda Sidley & James Snyder
Francis Spatz Leighton Poetry - Elizabeth Cadorette
Aaron Hope - Jim Marsic & Amanda Sidley
Sean Landrus - Shane Ritts
Arthur J. Moseley - Celia Medved
James L. Hurst - Chris Dinishak
R.W. Sidley - Amanda Sidley.

Fall Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below

RED
RAKE
FALL
FROST
ACORN
YELLOW
ORANGE
LEAVES
SCARECROW
PUMPKIN
HARVEST
CHESTNUT
SQUIRREL
FOLIAGE
AUTUMN



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4th of July...

Another beautiful day in Thompson on the 4th of July. Thank you Ed Rasmusson for all the pictures he took for our scrapbook. Good Job. The hay rides took us to Sidley's and learned some history on how important they have been to this community over the years. Thank you Chuck Lausin for being so faithful about doing hay rides for us each year.

Float Winners: 1st Place - Methodist Church; 2nd Place - Heritage Hills Karting Assoc.; 3rd Place - Friends of the Library. Thank you to all who participated in doing a float. Hope you enjoyed doing it as much as all of us enjoyed seeing them go around the square.

The committee really appreciates all the help that pulls together to make the day so great. The Police do a great job with the traffic. It was so good having the band marching this year. What is a parade without a band. You all did a great job. We appreciate the Fire Dept. for all the effort they put into making everything pull together, Thank you so much.

Thank you Pastor Coulter for starting us off with prayer and all the people from Grace Lutheran for their hard work doing ribs and chicken. We also appreciate Barb Stocker for singing for us every year. Thanks to all who bought booth space and the people who supported them.

Thank you for the Motorcyclist that ride in the parade every year. Members from 2 local chapters representing Lake, Geauga & Ashtabula Counties of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association (C.M.A.) serves in 29 Countries world wide. Their Motto is "Here if you need us." Their mission is "Change the World, one heart at a time."

The theme for 2012 is: "Life is Good in Thompson on the 4th of July."
We hope that sparks some great ideas for floats.



Spread the News: If you have news or want to have an event placed in upcoming issues, contact a staff member of the Tidbits. Mary Jo Fowler 968-0238 for School News, Norma Starkey 298-3994 for Youth Org, Church, & Senior news, or Bill Reno 298-1478 or Ross McElligott 298-3120 for other news.

Newsletter deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov.