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Tuscola County Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck knows how important reading is. Growing up in a family that encouraged education and reading she has enjoyed it throughout her life. In Tuscola County there are many great summer reading programs for school aged children. As a mother of a toddler who has taught her son to love books early in life she knows the value of reading right from the start. Just a few of the benefits from early reading include promoting vocabulary and reading skills, it also helps strengthen the bond between parent and child through quality time spent together. There are countless studies that support the value of reading to children from infancy on. Because of the value of reading at such a young age, Commissioner Roggenbuck is hosting a reading contest for the youngest of her constituents. "Promoting our children's education and spending time together as a family has never been more significant than it is today, reading to your child is a positive way to do both," said Roggenbuck.

Children ages 6 months to 4 years of age are eligible to participate. The rules are simple, 1) Complete the registration form below. You may also pick up a registration form at the Tuscola County Annex Building, 207 East Grant Street, Caro, MI 48723, or at Amanda L. Roggenbuck and Associates, PLLC, 6505 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726. Roggenbuck will also provide the registration forms to the libraries in her district for distribution. The libraries in the 1st district include the following:

Columbia Township Library 6456 Center St., Unionville 989-674-2651;
Fairgrove District Library, 1959 Main St., Fairgrove 989-693-6050; and,
Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St, Cass City 989-872-2856;

2) The child must read or be read to, keep track of the books and their authors, along with the date read on the available reading log; 3) The child and their parent or guardian must be a resident of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford or Wisner Township; and, 4) Complete the reading between July 15, 2009 and August 15, 2009. Completed registration form and reading logs must be turned in no later than 4:00 pm on August 19, 2009 to 6505 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726. The top three readers from her district will receive prize packages. "As a County Commissioner I have the opportunity to positively affect even the youngest members of our community. I hope this contest encourages parents to take a few extra minutes a day to read to their child, even in a poor economy reading is a free activity that every family can enjoy," said Roggenbuck.

Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck can be reached via email at aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org, or phone at 989-872-8881. She welcomes your input, information, and questions.

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ENTRY FORM

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READING CONTEST

Ages 6 Months to 4 Years Old

PRIZES { First Place: Prize Package
Second Place: Prize Package

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

School District Child is Eligible to Attend _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Township _____ Zip _____

Parents' Names _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email address: _____

RULES: The Contest takes place July 15, 2009 to August 15, 2009

- 1. Entrant must be between the ages of 6 months to the child's fourth (4th) birthday during the contest.
- 2. Child and parent or guardian must be a resident of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford or Wisner Township.
- 3. Write down the title and author of each book read with or to the child, along with the date read on the provided reading log.
- 4. Complete the registration form.

DEADLINE: Return the completed registration and book logs no later then 4:00 pm on August 19, 2009 to following location:

Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck
6505 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726

Note: Winners will be notified by phone, email or first class mail!

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