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Trash Bash 2009

Trash Bash was a huge undertaking, as always. The collection of the bags of trash, appliances, and tires took place Saturday, April 18th, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Thanks to the Morrow County Health Department for organizing this event every year.

And a huge "Thank You!" to Clover Posse, Country Clovers, and The Four Green Hearts 4-H Clubs for walking our roads and cleaning up the ditches. The township will pay a \$5 stipend per township road mile cleaned to these groups.

Thank you, too, to the families and residents who help us all year with their efforts to clean up and mow the roadsides in the areas where they live.

New Township Address Reminder

Please notice the new township address in the banner above. We now have a new secure and locked mailbox for the township office, and all official township correspondence should now be mailed to the new address.

The office also has a telephone and answering machine: 419-946-1408. Messages are checked daily.

PLEASE VOTE!!!!

ELECTION DAY IS May 5th!

The county Board of Elections has sample ballots online at

www.morrowcounty.info/boe/ballots/index.htm.

Please inform yourselves of the candidates and issues before going to the polls to vote. It will speed up the voting process and may help make the wait to vote a shorter one for everyone.



Old furnishings Made "New" Again

When the old Township Hall on County Road 28 was vacated the original furnishings were sent out for refurbishing and refinishing.

Everett Douce of Tully Township consented to take on the job of cleaning up and refinishing the church pews, eight-foot high storage cabinet built in the late 1800's, the antique wooden chairs, and the railing that was part of the original building. This past fall the last piece, the railing, was delivered to the new office building to be put on display.

We appreciate the fine work of Mr. Douce and the extensive time he put into making these old pieces of our township history look beautiful and new again!

When you come to vote on May 5th you will have a chance to see his work and appreciate the contribution Mr. Douce has made to Canaan Township.

Three Fire Departments Protect Canaan Township

Three fire departments protect Canaan Township—Mt. Gilead, First Consolidated, and Iberia. Messages from all of the chiefs of these departments are featured in this issue of our newsletter.

U.S. Census 2010

In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will issue a call to action for every resident of our nation:

“Be Counted.”

This census will determine the distribution of \$300 billion of government funding for critical community services and generates thousands of jobs across the country.

Some census workers have already been in our area doing door-to-door preliminary address work. We urge you to cooperate with these workers and to promptly complete the forms when they arrive.

Census questionnaires will contain only a few simple questions this time and will be mailed in March 2010.

If you need more information on the 2010 census, go to www.census.gov/2010

Spring Projects? Check Zoning!

Springtime often means the planning of new outdoor projects and perhaps a new building or a building addition.

Canaan Township is part of county-wide zoning. If you have questions about your project and whether it falls under the Zoning Code, be sure to call the Zoning Office at 419-946-1911.

Driveway culverts require a pre-installation inspection and a permit from the Canaan Township Trustees. Call the office for more information or visit our website for specific information.

New Federal Regulations for Signs

Last November the township officials received information on regulations for sign management and assessment and the replacement of old signs with ones that meet minimum retroreflectivity established by the Federal Highway Administration and adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Target Compliance dates for all government entities responsible for traffic control have been published. Those that affect Canaan Township are the following:

Jan. 2012-Assmnt/Mgmnt Method in place

Jan. 2015-Regulatory, warning, & ground mounted signs must meet minimum retroreflectivity levels

Jan. 2018-Street name signs must meet minimum retroreflectivity levels

The dates may seem to be far into the future, but this is an unfunded mandate that will require the use of township tax dollars, as the federal government will not pay for the new signs needed. Therefore, spreading the sign replacement over several years is planned to minimize the impact to the township budget.

If you have any questions about the new regulations call Jim Roth, ODOT Signing Engineer, at (614)752-0438 or jim.roth@dot.state.oh.us .

“THEY’RE TAKING YOUR MONEY”

by **Billie Pangborn**

The past two years have been hard on road signs, stop signs, and high water signs.

Every time a sign goes missing it costs the township \$20-\$50 to replace it. That does not include the bolts, pole, or time.

When a stop sign comes up missing it could cause someone to be hurt or killed.

This is serious!!

Why people take the signs is really hard to guess. Maybe they have too much time on their hands. Signs are a part of the township’s job to try and keep you safe.

If you see someone removing a sign call your trustees. Report missing signs immediately. It’s your money they are taking!

Mt. Gilead Fire Department

By Chief Don Staiger

The Mt. Gilead Fire Department was organized in the early 1800's, and little is known about the fire protection offered before June 16th 1870 when the town decided to do something about the fiery elements. At that time the town purchased a hand engine.

On June 17th 1870 the fire department was reorganized into the Olentangy Fire Company of Mt. Gilead. The mayor made a declaration stating, "If the citizens of this place desire to retain the engine and hose they must come out and help keep up the fire company. All who are interested in such an organization are requested to attend."

The town had two Ohio militia companies in the area. The first was the CO 112th regiment of The Ohio National Guard. The second was known as the Old Guard. These units were mostly made up of old Civil War veterans. The Old Guard became the town's volunteer fire department from October 30th, 1878, until April 1880.

On September 11th 1924, Mayor A.A. Broiler designated a special company of firefighters to serve the village. This is where the Mt. Gilead Fire Department was born. We believe that there have been only 24 Fire Chiefs serving the village of Mt. Gilead over the years.

At present the Mt. Gilead Fire Department has an ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating of 4 for the residents living within their insurance company's required distance from the station. Most generally you can receive the class 4 rating if you live within 5 miles of the station.

Our department is comprised of 37 members with 29 firefighters and 8 officers. Out of the 37 members, 18 are Firefighter II certified, 11 will be Firefighter I certified and 6 are volunteer certified.

The total number of years of service for the department is 499 years. The 29 firefighters account for 246 years of service, averaging 9.8 years, while the 8 Officers account for 253 years of experience, averaging 31.6 years each.

Over the last three years we have averaged 412 responses per year. Out of those responses we have responded to an average of 47 structure fires per year, 16 vehicle fires, 20 grass and brush fires. We have responded to 125 motor vehicle crashes with 14 occupants being entangled in vehicle per year.

Canaan Township has averaged 15 responses per year in our coverage area. This does not include any mutual aid responses with First Consolidated. We cover approximately 60 square miles; cover 3 major highways, State Route 95 and 61 along with U.S. Route 42, and 6 miles of I-71 along with mutual aid responses for an additional 5 miles of I-71.

A new saga for the Mt. Gilead Fire Department was in 2001 when HPM basically closed it doors as a large manufacturing facility in the village. All of the daytime firefighters were now working out of town, so the coverage was limited during the daytime hours. During that time the village decided to hire a full time fire chief and put part time firefighters on during the week.

In July 2005 Don Staiger was hired as the first full time fire chief. Then in January of 2006 3 part time firefighters were put on staff to man the department from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm during the week. This has paid great dividends for the residents we cover. Our response time in the daytime when we are manned is less than 60 seconds, while other times we are out the door in less than 4 minutes. Four minutes is a good time for a paid-on-call department with people not staying on station.

The department is housed in one station centrally located in the Village of Mt. Gilead and consists of

1) a 1981 E-One Engine (E-10) with a 1000 gallon per minute pump and 750 gallons of water,

2) a 1995 E-One, refurbished 1977 Sutphen that has a 1250 gallon per minute pump with 750 gallons of water,

3) our newest Rescue/Pumper, a 2008 Rosenbauer capable of pumping 1500 gallons per minute with 750 gallons of water. This unit carries all of our rescue tools. This unit is also fully capable of producing foam from four lines at a time. This is a benefit for fighting any fires in structures or vehicles.

4) Tower 18 is a 1986 Sutphen tower capable of pumping 1500 gallon per minute and carries 300 gallons of water. This unit has two (2) nozzles in the basket able to flow 2000 gallons per minute of water. It is able to reach 100 feet in the air with two (2) firefighters in the basket.

5) Our tanker is a 1990 International that carries 2000 gallons of water and has a quick dump

out the rear and carries a 2000- gallon portable tank.

6) (2) brush trucks, a 1993 Chevrolet that carries 300 gallons of water for grass or brush fires with a 350 gallon per minute pump for filling tankers for structure fires and a 1977 Ford with a 250 gallon tank and a 350 gallon per minute pump also used for grass or brush fires, filling tankers and has three (3) 4500 PSI compressed air tanks and a fill station used to fill SCBA bottles for our department and any mutual aid departments.

Included are two trailers, a haz-mat decon trailer housed and operated for the Morrow County Fire and Squadmens Association, and a spill trailer that carries all of our containment equipment and a decon tent.

We have a "Fire Safety House" that we use to instruct children and adults on fire safety in the home. Our department and neighboring fire departments anytime during the year, but especially during "Fire Prevention Week" use this each year.

The Mt. Gilead Fire Department has established the North Central Ohio Fire Training Academy to provide training of local firefighters in the area of Firefighter I, Firefighter II and Fire Instructor. We also will provide CEU's for firefighters over the year. We have just completed a basic 36 hour class with 11 firefighter in November of 2008 and a Firefighter I Transition class will do the State test on April 28th and May 9th. We have a training facility we use to teach firefighter fundamentals by hands-on training. We have made these classes available for anyone who desires to participate in the class.

The Mt. Gilead Fire Department Roster is listed below with unit number and years of service list.

Officers

	Firefighters
Chief Don Staiger	- 101 - 43 years
John Coil	- 1918 - 3 years
A. C. Herb Hoffman	- 102 - 61 years
Scott Mosher	- 1919 - 3 years
A. C. Greg Young	- 103 - 39 years
Norm Sharp	- 1921 - 20 years
Capt. Terry Weber	- 104 - 41 years
Joe Coil	- 1924 - 13 years
Capt. Bruce Young	- 105 - 33 years
Lonnie Scott	- 1925 - 10 years
Lt. Rob Searls	- 106 - 17 years

Matt Carey	- 1926 - 7 years
Lt. Mike McKinney	- 107 - 19 years
John Weese	- 1927 - 6 years
Lt. Tim Hoffman	- 108 - 27 years
Jeff McAvoy	- 1928 - 20 years

Firefighters

Chris Martin	- 1929 - 9 years
Caleb Cox	- 1903 - 1 year
Dennis Sterling	- 1932 - 8 years
Mitch Madeker	- 1904 - 3 years
Roger Meyer	- 1933 - 4 years
Mark Carey	- 1906 - 3 years
Melissa Fink	- 1934 - 3 years
Rob Walker	- 1907 - 10 years
Chad Swank	- 1935 - 4 years
Jason Weber	- 1911 - 13 years
Ken Fink	- 1936 - 3 years
Paul Kemp	- 1912 - 12 years
Jeanette Coil	- 1937 - 3 years
Kyle Kirby	- 1913 - 1 year
Jesse Bailey	- 1941 - 3 years
Darroll Kunze	- 1914 - 17 years
Ben Bradford	- 1942 - 3 years
Brent Staley	- 1915 - 23 years
Phil Jackson	- 1943 - 3 years
Scott Barler	- 1916 - 9 years
Ryan Swank	- 1944 - 3 years

Iberia Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

By Chief Keith Beck

I'm the New Chief of Iberia Vol, Fire Co., I have been on the Dept, since 1988. I have a staff of 6 Officers, with a total of 26, firefighters, on the roster. The officers are Chief Keith Beck, Asst Chief Stan Cooperider, Asst Chief Steve Smith, Capt Tim Windbigler. Lt Ryan Bash, Lt Tim Gray, and Lt Jarrod Walker.

We respond 1 Engine, 2 Tankers, 1 Light Rescue and 1 Brush truck to the calls in Canaan Township. For the year 2008 the Iberia Fire Dept, responded to a total of 12 calls in the 1/3 of Canaan Township we serve. The calls are as followed:

6 Structure Fires
2 Squad ast,
3 Motor vehicle accidents
1 Tree or Lines down across Road way

The department has training on the first Sunday, and the 2nd Wednesday of every month except November and December. We have one meeting a month for a fire meeting, and that is the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Open Burning Cautions **By Chief Don Staiger, Mt. Gilead** **Fire Department**

Open burning in Ohio is restricted by location and type of material burned. The specific requirements allow for open burning for pest control, bonfires, and campfires. All fuel must be clean and dry to reduce the amount of smoke emitted from the fire.

Open burning is restricted within 1,000 feet of any corporation or inhabited building not located on the owners premises.

Open burning in Ohio is prohibited in unincorporated areas in March, April, October and November from the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. At no time is anyone allowed to burn trash or garbage.

The Ohio EPA has threatened violators with jail time and up to \$10,000 fines.

Hello Canaan Township!

By Clint Canterbury, Chief 1st CFD

Thank you for allowing the 1st Consolidated Fire District to be a part of your newsletter.

Congratulations to Chief Randy Stafford on his retirement as Fire Chief on January 1, 2009. Chief Stafford has been a member of the 1st Consolidated Fire District since 1975 and Chief since 1991. Chief Stafford continues to serve our fire district as a volunteer firefighter. Chief Stafford is a third generation firefighter, which shows a lifelong dedication to our fire department. This dedication will continue with the fourth generation as his son Brian a full time firefighter/EMT continues this family's tradition.

There is a lot of exciting progress going on here at the fire house. As you may know we have received \$165,705 in federal grant monies this year. This money was specifically received to replace outdated breathing apparatus, breathing compressor, turnout gear, radios and a turnout gear washer extractor. The equipment being replaced ranges from 8 years old to over 20 years old. As you can understand this is a tremendous financial relief on our fire district.

Other exciting news, the Caledonia Squad Association has purchased a first responder SUV vehicle to allow the chief and other fire personnel to respond to calls, attend schooling, commercial fire inspections and fire/injury prevention details within our district. Hats off to the Squad Association! The purchase of this vehicle is another way of showing our progress in our fire district.

1st Consolidated Fire District is seeking a 1 mil Capital Improvement Levy on May 5th. **This Capital Improvement levy is strictly for the improvement of our station and apparatus.** The \$90,283 generated each year will go towards a station renovation and leasing a new engine/rescue. The cost to a \$100,000 home owner is \$30.63 per year or \$2.55 per month. This small fee will replace a 1982 fire engine with a new combination engine/rescue capable of handling all our calls.

Residents with questions may call the fire house at 419.845.3339 or attend one of the following town meetings at the fire station located at 115 N. High St., Caledonia

April 18, 2009 at 12:00 pm and April 30, 2009 at 6:00 pm

As you can see in today's Fire Service there is more than just "Fire". The demands of our fire department are unimaginable; from our children, to our elderly citizens, and to our "Homeland Security". When you call 911 you expect fast and professional services in the time of need. As the new Fire Chief of the 1st Consolidated Fire District I pledge to give you the best service possible.

CodeRED

Teresa Staley, 9-1-1 Supervisor, Morrow
County 9-1-1

Well I am excited to tell you that your township has signed up for the Code Red Alerting System! I want to let you know that we are on the last step process for getting it activated in the 9-1-1 Center for Morrow County. Below explains a little bit of information about Code Red.

We will have both systems; the weather and the Non Emergency and Emergency call outs. Once we get the program up and running, you can either get on our website at

morrowcountyemergencyservices.net which will give the link to sign up for the weather side of the system. You can also feel free to call me anytime at 419-946-7976 ext. 313 or email me at mc911@rrohio.com I will be happy to help you, and I can sign you and your family up without you ever going to the internet!

You can visit their website at Coderedweb.com and Coderedweather.com to get more information.

CodeRED Weather Warning

Code Red Weather Warning is an early telephone warning system designed to automatically deliver targeted weather notifications for the immediate threats of severe thunderstorm warnings, flash flood warnings, and tornado warnings within moments of being issued by the National Weather Service.

Code Red Weather Warning monitors each NWS bulletin to determine the severity of the warning and the exact area(s) affected coupled with the predicted heading of the threatening storm.

Code Red Weather Warning will deliver a prerecorded alert message directly to whatever phone you would like listed with your physical address. If the weather alert is heading in your direction you will receive a phone call, without any effort from the Morrow County 911 center.

This system will call out 365 days a year, 24 hours a day providing your residents the time needed to prepare. This becomes even more critical if tornado comes through your

area during the night, when television, radio broadcasts are not on and when you don't hear the tornado siren depending on your location.

Code Red Emergency and Non Emergency Calls

The CodeRED emergency notification system is an extremely high speed telephone communication service that can deliver customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and business at the proven capacity of millions of calls per day. CodeRED subscribers control their emergency broadcasts from anywhere in the world via the secure CodeRED web site. CodeRED subscribers have the fastest and most accurate communication system available without spending one penny of budget funds on computer equipment, telephone lines or additional personnel.

CodeRED's unique mapping feature allows subscribers to access a map of their community to select the area to receive emergency message.

Emergency Communications Network (ECN) provides each client with a calling data base for their community. ECN also makes it easy for residents to add their cell phone or other contact information through a residential update webpage. This would be when you sign up for the weather side. Then you will receive calls on home and cell phones.