

# The Canaan Collector

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## Cemetery News

By Billie Pangborn

### Rice:

The Morrow County Engineer recently replaced the planking on the bridge leading to Rice Cemetery on Township Road 60.

### South Canaan :

The fence on the east side of the South Canaan Cemetery has been replaced.

### Cemetery Sheds:

North Canaan and Worden Cemetery sheds have been removed. George Collins removed them this spring. He cleaned the area up and the ground has been seeded to grass. A sincere "Thank you!" to Mr. Collins for all his hard work!

### Headstones/Monuments:

The township will continue the restoration of headstones this summer. Jahn's Monuments will be doing the repairs.

## Road Report

By John Bayles

Summer road work will begin soon. Nearly all Canaan Township roads have already been patched from the damage of last winter.

Three local companies submitted bids for road maintenance and improvements beginning 4/08. Earthworm Construction, of Iberia Ohio, was the only company that gave a complete bid of all services required by the Township. Costs have again escalated on

asphalt materials, reducing the amount of work we can do from the road fund. Resurfacing of roads will be prioritized by condition of existing material, and data collected by the County Engineer, on traffic count of our roads conducted two years ago.

Please be aware that the County has inspected and lowered the weight limit on several Canaan bridges. If you observe any changes in condition of any bridges, contact the County Highway Dept., or any of the Trustees, so we can forward the information to them.

Mowing of weeds along township roads will begin in the next few weeks. Most residents of Canaan Township take great pride in trimming around mailboxes and mowing ditches in front of or around their property. Several farmers use their own tractor driven mowers to mow entire roadways along their fields.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of all of you. This greatly reduces the burden to trustees during the mowing season. *Thank you all.*

## Bridge Closed on TR62

The bridge on TR62 between CR 59 and SR309 is closed indefinitely due to its deteriorating condition. The County Engineer's office inspects bridges annually and makes recommendations on weight limits and closures based on the inspections.

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## Trash Bash 2008

Trash Bash was a huge undertaking, as always.

Thanks to Clover Posse, Country Clovers, and The Four Green Hearts 4-H Clubs, our township ditches were cleaned of trash. *"Good Job, Kids and Leaders!"*

According to information from the Morrow County Health Dept. the following items of litter are estimated to last as shown below:

Paper scrap	2-4 wks
Banana Peel	3-5 wks
Newspaper	2-4 months
Cotton T-shirt	3-5 months
Cigarette Butt	15-20 years
Plastic Jug	70 years
Steel Can	80-100 years
Disposable Diaper	200-300 years
Plastic Bag	200-300 years
Aluminum Can	200-500 years
6-pack Ring	450 years
Car Tire	1000 years
Styrofoam Jug	1000 years
Glass Bottle	Eternity

**PLEASE RECYCLE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!!!**

## Report from 1<sup>st</sup> Consolidated FD

By Ed Sayers

As a board member I would like to thank the voters who supported the levy. As you know, everything is costing more and more these days. I promise you 1<sup>st</sup> Consolidated is there to serve the people of the district with excellent fire and emergency equipment. The personnel is well trained with outstanding response time. Once again, "Thank You."

## Canaan Township Website

Check out all the information on our website:  
[www.morrowcounty.info/canaantwp.htm](http://www.morrowcounty.info/canaantwp.htm)

## Changing Views in the Township

Canaan's landscape is ever-changing with new buildings going up and old buildings coming down. One long-standing building complex that recently disappeared from view is the hog barns of the former "Pig Palace" on SR 95. A new pond is now located on that site.

Township residents may have also noticed some new and very large barns as they drive through the township lately. Just east of Denmark, the Rausch Family has constructed a new four-row, free stall barn and double-eight herringbone milking parlor facility that will eventually house 250 cows.

Across the highway the Albert family constructed a new barn that houses thousands of hogs grown for market. On TR60 the Strine family just recently started operation of another hog facility. Agri-business is alive and well in Canaan Township!