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Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:30 PM, 2170 SR95

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Summer Road Work

by John Bayles, Chairman

Road maintenance for this year is complete. Six and one-quarter miles of township roads were sealed to prevent further damage to the surface. The following roads were sealed: TR74, TR66, TR67, and TR135. The east end of TR65 is still in need of patch work. This is much less road work than we had anticipated, but the high cost of petroleum products had driven the cost of materials up 33% over last year's cost, crimping our budget very quickly.

Township Mowing

By John Bayles, Chairman

Mowing of road right of ways will be done one more time before winter. We are having problems with the new mower roller bearings. The manufacturer is replacing these bearings, and we expect to have it up and running by the time you receive this newsletter.

Harvest Time Courtesy

By John Bayles, Chairman

Harvest season is in full swing, but a word of caution! Often it is necessary for farmers to park trucks or wagons near the road to load grain out of the fields. We ask that farmers avoid blocking the road entirely, and, if you do park along the road, please use your flasher warning lights and reflective signs, especially at night. Residents need to be extra careful when passing farm machinery and just use some common courtesy so we may have another successful and safe harvest season in Canaan Township.

Winter Road Maintenance

By John Bayles, Chairman

Winter months are quickly approaching and so is the dreaded snowfall. Canaan Township has

contracted with Earthworm Construction to remove snow from the roadways. Buckeye Sealcoating will apply a mixture of salt and chips during icy situations.

Most of the township roads are narrow, one lane thoroughfares. In order for two vehicles to pass each other it is necessary for the snowplow driver to plow beyond the edge of the road. Sometimes the sod along the road is higher than the road base, causing the blade to scalp and deposit some sod in your yard. We regret the burden this must create, but it is the only way to make the road passable.



New Machine Shed

by Billie Pangborn

In the past we have rented one of the sheds at the farm next door to the township building, but this past summer the farm was sold. In order to have a place to store our tractor and mower, lawnmower, trimmers, and other supplies, we decided to build a machine shed on the township property. We made it larger than we needed for right now because we may have need for more room in the future, and the price would have been considerably more to add on later.