

The Canaan Collector

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Cemetery Sheds

By Billie Pangborn

North Canaan and Worden Cemeteries have storage sheds that have not been used in years. We pay insurance and 9-1-1 assessments for these buildings. At the September board meeting it was voted to remove these sheds to save money. We hope to remove them yet this year. If anyone is interested in them, please let one of the trustees know before they are removed.

2010 Census

by Billie Pangborn

In preparation for the 2010 Census, state and local governments are asked to help make sure of the accuracy of addresses on file. Our funding is, in some cases, based on population. So it is important that our counts are correct. As you know, funding for state, county, and township governments are faced with tight budgets. When you are contacted, please respond with correct counts so we do not lose any funds. We are grateful for your help.

Road Report

By John Bayles

Summer road work for 2007 included a new top seal for TR39. A new layer of asphalt was applied to western sections of TR10. TR60, between TR65 and TR61, received a new layer of asphalt, as did the northern end of TR72. New berming was immediately applied to these areas after road completion. The new asphalt has greatly reduced the crowning affect we have on many of our roads. This will allow the snow plow to do a cleaner job of removing snow and ice this season. Old steel culverts under the roads are rapidly deteriorating throughout the township. Three culverts were replaced earlier in May: one at the

1300 block, one at the 1800 block of TR67, and another at the 7700 block of TR64. We will continue to look for signs of culvert failure and replace as needed.

Bridges & Culverts over 24"

By John Bayles

All bridges and any culverts 24 inches in diameter or larger, on all township roads, are the sole responsibility of the Morrow County Engineer's Office. Recent concerns from residents regarding the bridge on TR62 and the large culvert on TR133 prompted the trustees to take formal action with the county engineer. Upon inspection by the county, the engineer deemed it necessary to close the bridge on TR62. Immediate response was also given to TR133, and, as of September 21, those culverts were removed and replaced. Canaan Township is still awaiting word from the engineer's office on the closure of the TR62 bridge as to whether it is permanent or if it will be repaired.

Morrow County Zoning

By John Bayles

In November, 2003, electors of Canaan Township approved the adoption of the Morrow Countywide Zoning plan. This plan has been in effect for Gilead Twp. since 1989, and now involves a total of seven Morrow County Townships. Canaan Twp. Trustees have no jurisdiction on the regulations of this plan. If you are planning a new building (even agricultural buildings) or changing land use, you will be required to contact **Steve Hart**, zoning inspector, or **Gary Eckert**, assistant zoning inspector, at 419-946-1911 to receive a zoning permit. If you are planning a new driveway entrance on any **township road**, the only requirement Canaan Twp Trustees have is that you contact one of the trustees to receive a culvert permit.

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If you live on a county or state road, contact the county engineer or ODOT to find out what regulations they have on driveway permits. We are pleased to have two residents of Canaan Twp. involved with the Morrow County Zoning Board. Jack Sayres serves on the zoning Commission, and Dan Barker serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals. We greatly appreciate their work and efforts for Morrow Countywide Zoning.

Canaan has 3 Fire Protection Areas

By Ed Sayers

Canaan Twp has fire protection from three fire departments. The northeastern part of the township is protected by Iberia Volunteer Fire Company; the northwestern half is protected by 1st Consolidated Fire District; the rest of the township is protected by the Mt. Gilead Fire Department.

This is the fall season. We hope all township residents have their furnaces and stoves in good working order.

Steve Ruhl Will Be Missed

Canaan Township Officials would like to extend their sympathy to the Steve Ruhl family. Steve was a great extension agent and was very good for the county and the township.

Flu Clinics Scheduled

October 31 – 4 to 6 PM – Marengo Am Legion
November 3 – 8 to 10 AM – Cardington Am Legion
November 7 – 4 to 6 PM – AmVets (SR61 North)
November 15 – 4 to 6 PM Trinity UMC (Center St. entrance)

General Election Day Coming

Remember the General Election is on Tuesday, November 6th. The polling place for Canaan Township residents is our township office at 2170 State Route 95. Exercise your right as a citizen to vote!

Car & Truck Tags Tips

As you renew your motor vehicle license registration each year be sure you correctly identify your residence as Canaan Township. If you don't, the taxes generated by the licenses will be sent to the governments of Caledonia, Edison, or Cardington (wherever your postal delivery originates). We need your help to channel the tax dollars correctly back to your home territory.

We again thank the River Valley Lions for purchasing and donating our new Canaan Township office sign. It is now installed and makes it much easier to identify our office at 2170 State Route 95.