

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Now that the first round of mowing is nearly complete on the west end of the county, corn is sprouting, and trees are nearly in full leaf, I hope it is safe to say that winter is officially over. The last time the trucks were out was on March 25th.

Railroad crossings seem to be in the news lately. The one on TR 109 is scheduled to have gates and flashers installed, and the one on CR 41 between SR 53 South River Road is being repaired. It will have rubber instead of timbers. It is scheduled to be paved and opened next week. The one on CR 39 is supposed to be repaired before the road is paved.

This past Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we hosted a St. Joe student. Alex Chlosta is a senior and was here to shadow civil engineers since he has an interest in becoming one. Alex is a great student, and it was a pleasure having him here. Alex has a very bright future in front of him. In the fall he will be attending Ohio University. He is the great grandson of former County Commissioner Lowell Henry. Hopefully this was a good experience for Alex. At least at the end he was still interested in becoming a civil engineer!

Work is nearly complete on the Turnpike overpasses on TR 202 and 244. They should be opening soon, if not already. Work has started on the one on CR 128. Contracts have been awarded for the next three overpasses to Kokosing Construction. They are Fangboner Road and TR's 222 and 238. A preconstruction conference is scheduled for May 23rd at the Turnpike's headquarters.

On Tuesday the 18th I attended a seminar on speed limits at ODOT's headquarters in Columbus. It was a very worthwhile refresher course. Their headquarters certainly are impressive!

Here's wishing Kris a speedy recovery from her surgery earlier today. We've received word that it was successful. Kris will be off for about a month. Jenna will be filling in for her while she is gone. Good luck Kris!

The office will be going on four ten hour days beginning June 3rd. Many counties have done this successfully. This is an experiment for us, and we'll just have to see how it works out.

B & W Welding has completed their work on Tindall Bridge. The painting contractor is to return this weekend with work resuming on Monday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dean Silva May 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Jimmy Sanford May 22nd 18 years

MEMORIAL DAY

This office will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day! Enjoy your long weekend!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

KOB CREW

The excavator crew has been busy putting in culverts these past few weeks. They have replaced a 30'' culvert and a 12'' field tile on Smith Rd south of CR. 201. They also replace a 12'' on Smith, south of the bike path. The culverts are all cleaned up and paved. Seeding and strawing still needs to be finished. Since then the crew has moved to TR 237 where they have replaced a box culvert with a run of 48'' RCP. Cleanup is going on now and paving the first part on next week. Keep up the good work!!

MOWING

The first round of mowing on the west side continues with the crews bringing the center back to the east. The crews should be starting over east early next week. Looking good, keep up the nice work!

MAILBOX RELOCATIONS

All the mailboxes on Smith Rd. have been set back. This job was completed earlier this week. This road should now be

ready for paving this summer. The crew is now back on S. River Rd. touching up and lengthening the approaches a little. Once this is complete, this road should be ready for resurfacing. Next on the schedule will be CR. 181. Good job everyone!

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Pot holes are being filled around the county.

CR 39 tile repair was cleaned up, seeded and strawed.

Broken tile was fixed and jetted on CR 268. Catch basin was lowered on CR 265 @ TR 250.

New traffic signals for Smith & E. State St. and Brush & Hayes were delivered. Also, the lights for Ballville Bridge are in. This project will be starting soon also. Spots around town were mowed. Office was cleaned.