

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Fortunately, the weather is beginning to alleviate. The days are getting longer and the sun is gaining intensity. It won't be long and this winter will be behind us. To celebrate this, we are going to have an employee cookout on March 21st. That will also be the first day of spring and also a payday—who could ask for more? Let's hope the weather cooperates.

There seems to be some question if this is the all-time most snow for a winter in Sandusky County or not. It is hard to imagine having more snow than the Blizzard of '78. Since there are apparently no official records, we'll never know for sure. I can attest to the fact that this has been the worst winter during my 29 years as County Engineer. We've had more snow, more consecutive days below freezing, more days near or below zero and snow on the ground for the longest time than any other winter during that time. The River has frozen and thawed out three times now and is currently re-freezing for a fourth time. That is also a record in this length of time. At any rate, it looks like we're going to make it to spring. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

As winter fades away, we are getting geared up for this year's construction projects. One of the first will be the ditch enclosure on Fangboner Road where we will be enclosing about 550' of ditch. This will provide a dump site for the dirt we have stockpiled on last year's 294 bridge project. We'll also haul dirt from the 247 bridge as needed. Beams are being made for the TR 226 bridge. The bridge on CR 66 will most likely be deferred for a year to help cover any costs overruns due to the winter. That just leaves one other bridge—the one on TR 244. We are in the process of purchasing a new excavator and three new pickups and we have been given the green light to bid the resurfacing of CR 41. So here we go again!

SPRING FORWARD

This weekend starts daylight savings time. Turn your clocks forward an hour starting at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 9th. Also, don't forget those new batteries in your smoke detectors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Pfeiffer March 19th

HOLIDAY'S

St. Patrick's Day March 17th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

WHAT A WINTER! I am hoping we are done with cold temps. and snow. I think I can speak for everyone in saying, we're ready for spring and warmer temperatures. It has been a trying winter for everyone. We have surpassed the snow amounts of the '77 and '78 season by about 3" so far. (1977- 78 73.1", 2013 - 14 76.5") Another factor this winter was the cold temperatures. We had around 20 days of temperatures under 0 degrees. I think this set a record as well. This will be one winter I know I will never forget. Cold temperatures, lots of snow, wind, and all the issues we had with the plow trucks. We are now on the down side of winter with spring knocking on the door. A big thanks to everyone for keeping the roads as safe as possible this winter.

MISC. WORK IN BETWEEN SNOW EVENTS.

- Trucks were dumped and washed after snow events.
- Mailbox repairs.
- Snow drifts and banks pushed back numerous times this winter.
- Some brush was cut when conditions were good.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Kept loads of salt pushed up and broke up chunks.
- Steel was tied for RY. 226-0.61 beams.
- Snow was removed out of ditch on CR. 89. It was causing high water.
- 24" tile was repaired on CR. 294.
- Night shift has been working on washing and waxing equipment.
- Fair boards were spruced up and hung in the ready room.
- High water barricades are being repaired.

**Council for Developmental Disabilities
of Sandusky County's**

**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**



Special Guests:

*Forward Motion
The Jazz Trio*

**Sunday, March 9, 2014
10:30am to 1:00pm
School of Hope Gym**

**Menu: Spaghetti, salad,
bread, dessert and beverage**

Tickets available at the door
and Pre-order:

Contact Sarah Zimmerman at
419-332-9296 x116

**Cost: \$10.00/Adult
\$5.00/Children**