

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the County had 5 – 7” inches rain and less than two weeks later, on July 9<sup>th</sup>, we received another 2 – 3”. This caused widespread flooding and road closures. Today, July 10<sup>th</sup>, many creeks including Mud, Muskellunge, and Wagner Ditch are still running bank full and touching the underside of bridges.

We were lucky to get the 8’ diameter pipe set on CR 177 on Wednesday; otherwise we might have another week delay. This just goes to show the value of each and every hour and day. Unfortunately, we have had enough delays on this project that we won’t be able to move the rented excavator (a Cat 349) to any other projects. The rental fee for this machine is \$15,000 a month and it costs about \$2,500 for each move.

Snow removal is the most important work we do around here, but the value of the drainage work we do cannot be under estimated either. Although we’ve had some flooding, it would have been much worse if many of the ditches hadn’t been cleaned out over the years. Right now, the Hoeflich Ditch is under construction and it is going to be a tremendous improvement for the north end of Clyde.

The next one up could be the Alley Ditch, which is a joint project with Seneca County. The final hearing is on Tuesday. We’ll see if it is approved by the Joint Board of County Commissioners or not.

Enjoy the weekend—it sounds like we’ll have at least one normal summer day. That will be nice for a change.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeff Dymond	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Bender	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Eddie Fisher	July 11 <sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Matt Zilles	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	4 yrs.
Adam Kozak	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	3 yrs.
Jan Dorr	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	40 yrs.
Tony Miller	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	4 yrs.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I guess the big news right now is all the rain we have been getting. I have heard anywhere from 10 to 12 inches in the last two weeks. It has really put a damper on our major projects going on. We have lost 2-3 weeks on the CR 66 bridge due to the high water. When we were able to, the guys worked very hard and pushed to get the north footer and wall in. Late last week and early this week we were able to remove the dike and get both sides backfilled. Even though the water is high right now, we have everything done that is needed to set the beams. Beams will be set next Friday.

The CR 177 culvert replacement was also affected by the rain. We were originally scheduled to set the 96” pipe on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Well, with high waters, that was pushed back a week to July 8<sup>th</sup>. The pipe set went very well. Thank goodness we were able to get them in before we got 3 more inches of rain on Thursday. The process of backfilling is now underway. Great job to everyone that has been involved with these projects.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mowing road sides continues when it is fit.
- Sign work and work on the sign grant continues.
- Drain tiles were repaired on CR. 30 and on Morrison Rd.
- Washout areas from high water were bermed.
- Spots around town are being kept mowed.
- High water detail.
- Putting signs up and taking down where needed.